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WOMEN'S TWILIGHT TOURNAMENT

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The Secretary

Standing Committee on Public Accounts
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Dear Mr Smyth,

RE: Inquiry into elements impacting on the future of the ACT Clubs Sector

On behalf of the Women's Twilight Tournament (lawn bowls competition), I wish to comment on the above Inquiry.

The Canberra Labor Club Group has supported our organisation since they acquired the Weston Creek Bowling Club (not sure of the year) and during this time our organisation has received annually, a sponsorship amount of \$500. This money was used for prize money at the end of the season each year on presentation night (usually March).

There are two other clubs in Canberra who also provide \$500 each as sponsors. This enables the committee to ensure every team has a cash prize, amount depending on where they come in the competition. This competition is the only ladies competition played at night and the inaugural year was 1997/1998. This was to enable working and student bowlers a chance to compete in a tournament. We do have a number of young players and we have found a lot of newer bowlers enter this competition to gain experience and better their chances of playing in week day pennant.

As there are three sponsoring clubs the presentation nights are held in turn at each of these clubs and the next presentation night (March next year) is to be held at the Weston Creek Labor Club.

Benefits for the Labor Club are:

- Night time use of the greens and the lights
- Our ladies always order meals on nights of play
- A lot of the ladies play the poker machines
- A number of the ladies purchase drinks from the bar
- The committee has their meetings at the club in Weston (usually have a meal and drinks)

Without this assistance our organisation would not have been able to:

- Provide prize money for all the teams entering the tournament which has made it a competition different from the rest
- Ensure bowling on varying green surfaces
- Have the use of club facilities following the games
- Use of the catering and bar facilities for presentation evenings

We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if the Canberra Labor Club was not there to support us.

The assistance of the Club Industry in the ACT is reflected through our partnership with the Canberra Labor Club Group and is something that can only be maintained by the Club if they are able to remain a viable community asset.

We believe that the Clubs of the ACT play an invaluable role in our community.

Yours sincerely

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