

The Secretary
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Legislative Assembly for the ACT
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Dear Mr Smyth



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

On behalf of the Canberra Southern Cross Club's Travel Club I wish to make the following submission on the abovementioned inquiry.

The Canberra Southern Cross Club [CSCC] has been a great supporter of our organisation for 25 years and each year the Travel Club receives sponsorship and support (administrative, organisational and in kind) estimated at some \$15,000.

As a not-for-profit organisation, with free membership, operating within the framework of the CSCC for the past 25 years, we are similar to a small business with an annual turnover of between \$110,000 to \$125,000. We are not simply a leisure and recreation club, but through our regular monthly plenary meetings (open to all) we contribute to Canberra's social capital, community cohesion and wellbeing. For example, our plenary monthly meetings over the past 3 years have provided opportunities for guest speakers from

ACT government directorates and agencies such as Health, TAMS	40%
Community and voluntary organisations on non-travel topics	20%
Travel-related (including cultural and heritage) topics	30%
Other (media and private individuals)	10%

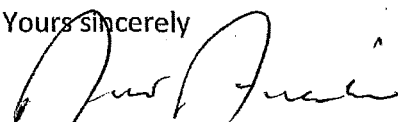
of the time. CSCC provides the venue (capacity 100-150 persons), afternoon tea at the plenary meetings, the AGM 3 annual functions (at special prices), technical support (AV media, data projector, laptop and PA system), as well as a meeting room for the meetings of the Travel Club Committee and Executive.

Needless to say, through its activities the Travel Club in turn supports the local community at large and generates local economic activity in the service and tourist industries. Without this partnership with the CSCC, our organisation would simply not be able to operate or provide the services we can to the Community. We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if our Club were not there to support us.

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

We trust that your Committee will see the invaluable role the Clubs play in our community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arto Avakian', written over the typed name.

Arto Avakian

Chairperson

Canberra Southern Cross Club Travel Club