



The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Mr Smyth

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

On behalf of Canberra Blind Society in association with the Royal Society for the Blind I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for more than 15 years and each year we receive \$1,000.

As you will be aware, our Societies provide a range of services designed to suit the needs of the estimated 400 persons affected by loss or lack of vision in the ACT.

Because of the Clubs support, we are able to maintain old services and create new initiatives in response to the changing needs of clients. We place particular emphasis on teaching clients daily living skills and sensory awareness programs as well as looking after their social and recreational needs

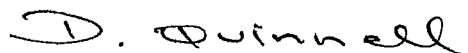
Without this partnership with the Club, our organisation would simply not be able to operate or provide the services we can to the Community. We cannot envisage any other organisation or government agency being able to fill the void if our Club was not there to support us.

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.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Quinnell". The signature is written in dark ink on a white background.

Debra Quinnell
Coordinator, ACT
RSB/CBS
6 May, 2015