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The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the ACT
GPO Box 1020
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Dear Mr Smyth

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

On behalf of the ACT Scale Modellers' Society (ACTSMS) I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above.

The ACTSMS is a small not-for-profit society that aims to promote plastic scale modelling as a hobby and overall improving the modelling standards of Society members. The ACTSMS was established in 1972 and has around 100 members – both from Canberra and interstate.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** (the Club) has been a great supporter of our organisation for three years and each year we receive valuable assistance in funding one of the key functions of the ACTSMS's annual competition – specifically the waiving of the cost of the room hire for the annual dinner (a saving of approximately \$400).

The ACTSMS hosts a plastic scale modelling competition over a weekend every November – one that been recognised formally as one of the best competitions in the country. We have modellers from all over Australia and other parts of the world attend, boosting the local tourism and profile of the ACT. One of the highlights of that weekend is the annual dinner – and the assistance from the Club has been invaluable in keeping the dinner well attended and financially viable.

Without this support from the Club, it would be extremely difficult for the ACTSMS to host our annual competition and dinner in its current form. 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.

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

Yours faithfully

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President - ACTSMS
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