



**Sleep Apnoea Association Inc.**

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

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Dear Mr Smyth

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

On behalf of **Sleep Apnoea Association ACT (Inc)** I wish to comment on the Inquiry mentioned above. The Sleep Apnoea Association has over 300 financial members the greater majority of them being pensioners. Our group relies on the generosity of clubs such as the Canberra Southern Cross Club to be able to pour all our resources into helping our members.

The **Canberra Southern Cross Club** has been a great supporter of our organisation for **over 14** years and each year we receive a cash donation of \$750.00 plus the use of a meeting room with afternoon tea and coffee for all members attending our bi-monthly meetings, this would equate to a financial value of at least another \$1500.00 per annum.

Because of our Clubs support, we are able to **provide members with service and parts for their CPAP machines and masks at minimal cost. This is of great benefit to our members who are mainly pensioners and others on very low incomes. In addition the funds allow us to overhaul old donated machines for people who cannot afford to buy a new machine. New machines complete with mask etc. cost from \$1800 to \$2500.**

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.

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

Yours sincerely

**Joe Gellatly**  
Secretary  
**Sleep Apnoea Association ACT (Inc.)**

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