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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 ACTSMS meets monthly and hold regular workshops and discussions on skills and techniques. We also host one of the premier plastic scale modelling competitions in the country every November.

The **Hellenic Club** (the Club) has been a great supporter of our organisation for over four years. For this time, the Club has offered us free use of their large conference rooms for our monthly meetings – a saving of well over \$600 a month. By doing this, the Club has enabled us to offer a top-class venue for our meetings, which in turns allows us to use our limited resources to publicise ACTSMS to the local community, particularly those new to the community, and to provide enjoyment and fulfilment to our members.

Without this support from the Club, it would be extremely difficult for the ACTSMS to operate. 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 **Hellenic 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

Ben Frohling
President - ACTSMS
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