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The Secretary
Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Legislative Assembly for the Act
GPO Box 1020
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 A.C.T. LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE OFFICE	
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Dear Mr Smyth,



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

On behalf of the Belwest Foxes Soccer Club I wish to comment on the above Inquiry.

The Canberra Labor Club Group has supported our organisation for well over a decade. The assistance, both financial and non-financial, and support they provide has, and remains, a critical component to Belwest's success as a community club.

The long term arrangement of our relationship provides substantial benefits to the community that Belwest engages with. A critical benefit is the ability to provide reduced registration fees to all players. With sporting registration fees increasingly becoming a considerable deterrent to many people, due to cost increases in areas such as insurance, field hire and sports federation fees, it is essential that we continue to make the game accessible to all of our community. Further benefits gained from our relationship with the Canberra Labor Club Group include offering significantly reduced or free registration and equipment to disadvantaged families; offering first aid courses to teams to ensure proper first aid assistance is always available; offering coaching courses for volunteers; providing appropriate playing equipment; and assisting the all ability soccer league.

Without the assistance we receive from the Canberra Labor Club Group the above activities would be significantly impacted, and in some cases would cease. Sponsorship within Canberra is extremely difficult to source, and indeed it is exceptionally rare to find an organisation that will provide such long term support. Belwest would be very apprehensive about finding another organisation that would be able to match the support provided by The Canberra Labor Club Group.

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

We believe that the Clubs of the ACT play an invaluable role in our community.



Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Stuart Wise', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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