



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SUPPORT FOR GOVERNMENT'S CLUB INDUSTRY DIVERSIFICATION INITIATIVE**

Canberra Community Clubs congratulates Minister Ramsay on the initiative he has announced today to appoint Neville Stevens AO to provide advice to Government on ways to assist Clubs diversify their revenue streams, reduce reliance on gaming revenues, and ensure Canberra retains a sustainable Club industry.

Canberra Community Clubs Chair, Athol Chalmers, outlined the importance of this initiative for the Club industry.

“Canberra Community Clubs is delighted that the ACT Government has made it very clear in their announcement today that they want to see a strong, diverse and community focussed Club sector in Canberra. Canberra Community Clubs warmly welcomes this vision. We believe it provides the foundation for genuine and constructive engagement and collaboration between all industry stakeholders to ensure this vision is achieved. The Club Industry Diversification Support Analysis initiative provides a framework within which these important and much needed discussions can take place.”

Mr Chalmers also indicated Canberra Community Clubs strong support for Neville Stevens being invited to undertake this important work. “Neville Stevens had a long and distinguished career in the Commonwealth public service. His achievements as a Departmental Secretary overseeing the development of policy and programs which have assisted industries in transition make him an ideal appointment to this role. Canberra Community Clubs looks forward to working with Mr Stevens over the coming weeks.”

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