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Dear Commissioners

I have known Mr Basil King and have had dealings with the South Sydney Graphic Arts Club (SSGAC) since I became the federal member for Kingsford Smith over 4 years ago and I have always been impressed with the club's support of the community, particularly in the area of arts and education. The club regularly inputs to local school communities with a mixture of in-kind and cash donations.

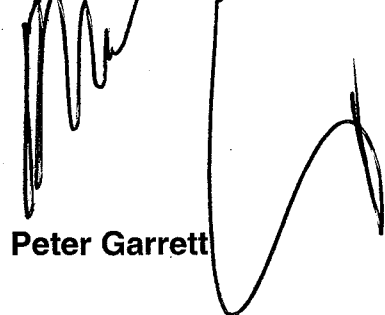
SSGAC has instigated an impressive array of art competitions and 'artist in residence' projects at schools in Rosebery and Mascot and has made available bursaries for both talented and disadvantaged children.

SSGRAC has a broad relationship with other community groups in my electorate, such as Windgap and Bear Cottage and has close ties with local council and TAFE, doing much good work with the disabled and those less fortunate than others.

I understand that the club has a serious commitment to patron care in relation to gambling and of course is fully compliant with all relevant legislation and staff training programmes. The SSGAC holds itself to a very high standard in relation to responsible service of alcohol, highlighting quality service and catering to achieve its perceived function within the community.

I support SSGAC's submission to the Gambling Inquiry Productivity Commission and wish them well.

Yours sincerely



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