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Committee Secretary  
House of Representatives Standing Committee  
On Legal and Constitutional Affairs  
Parliament House  
Canberra ACT 2600

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed is a letter to Local Authorities concerning Arncliffe RSL Club.

Rockdale City Council and the St George Area Local Command have met with the Club and discussed many of the issues raised in this correspondence.

We felt your committee would be interested in this letter.

Respectfully,

For. David Clark  
General Manager

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June 23, 2002

Committee Secretary  
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Dear Sir or Madam:

Arncliffe RSL & Community Club is again experiencing problems with malicious damage.

On Saturday 5 Jan 2002, a large window was broken on the park side of the Club. Police attended (E-13218470). Monday 1 April 2002 an object was thrown at a window in the poker machine room. Club's security checked outside and found many young men on the park fence. Saturday 20 April 2002 a window was broken on the park side of the main lounge. Police Assistance line called (E-14474149). Saturday 15 June 2002 four large windows in the poker machine room were broken; front door window was broken as well as two small windows in the boardroom. Police Assistance line called (E-14407130). Thursday June 20 2002 bottle thrown at the front door of the Club. Police attended (E-14580820.) Friday 21 June 2002 10:45 PM Window was broken in main lounge while patrons were in the club. Police attended. (E-16040855.) Saturday 22 June 2002 three windows were broken in main lounge. Police attended Sunday 23 June 2002. (E-15098804.) (This list covers only the last six months and is not a complete list.)

These most recent incidences have prompted the Club to write to Local Authorities to inform them of the continuing problems in the Arncliffe area.

There has been a light installed at the entrance to light up the Mitchell Street and Wollongong Road corner, the Club pays \$103.00 per month, to increase security. The Club uses a Lebanese security guard that is sensitive to the local community. We have supported the local community by providing power, free of charge, for the lights in the park so that local soccer teams can train at night. We also sponsor the Raiders Sports Club. The Club has supported the Lebanese Independence Day functions in the park by providing power, Ice and Flags.

Over the last two years, the Club has spent \$13802.20 on glass repairs. Part of this was covered by insurance. At this date, the Club has fifteen broken windows that we will find financially difficult to repair, due to the cost of up grading the building to Council fire requirements, increased security costs higher insurance premiums, and a large glass deductible. The Club is battling to keep its head above water and continue to serve its members and the community.

The Board has considered bricking up some windows on the Park side of the Club as well as other options such as unbreakable windows and security screens. These options are extreme, and expensive.



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The problems with local young men that hang out in the park and at the shop across Wollongong Road from the Club has been going on for many years. The problems range from graffiti and broken glass to damage to cars to assaults on staff and members.

The Board and members feel the Council should provide more lighting in Arncliffe Park near the club. In addition, higher police presence in the Wollongong Road area to move these young people away from the Club and park. The Arncliffe Community Safety Audit Dated 20 Sept 2001 outlines these options.

Respectfully,

For:

David Clark  
General Manager  
For and on behalf of the Board of Directors

Copies to: President RSL of Australia  
Commander St. George Area Local Command (Police)  
Mayor of Rockdale  
Member for Rockdale  
Member for Barton  
Clubs NSW