

Submission to the **Inquiry into school libraries and teacher librarians in Australian schools**

Addressing the first and second terms of reference:

My name is Eliana Budd and I'm nine years old and a Year 4 student at a school on the Sunshine Coast in Queensland.

I'm writing to the inquiry because I'm disappointed that our school library doesn't have funding to be properly staffed. We have a part-time teacher working in the library. She only has a library aide to help her in the library for one hour each day. Many of the books are very old and out-of-date. One time my brother borrowed a book on cars that said that the old Volkswagon Beetle cars were now being made in a state-of-the-art factory in Brazil. The book was from 1974.

We only get to have library lessons some of the time, and my brother in Year 6 gets none. I love to read and look at books, but our library is only open twice a week at lunchtime because there is no-one to open it on the other days.

A few years ago the library was renovated and looks good now. I wish that it had more new resources and was open daily so that I could visit it more often. I like to find information that I don't know in the library and also to read fun things. School libraries are important for kids who want to read and who are learning to read.

Yours sincerely,

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