



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STANDING COMMITTEE  
ON EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT**  
INQUIRY INTO SCHOOL LIBRARIES AND TEACHER LIBRARIANS IN  
AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS

*Chair: Ms Amanda Rishworth MP*  
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## **Committee to examine school libraries and teacher librarians in Australian schools**

The House of Representatives Standing Committee on Education and Employment has been asked by the Federal Minister for School Education, Early Childhood and Youth, the Hon. Peter Garrett AM MP, to complete an inquiry into the role, adequacy and resourcing of school libraries and teacher librarians in Australia's public and private schools, that was begun in the previous Parliament.

The Terms of Reference require that the Committee specifically focus on:

- the impact of recent policies and investments on school libraries and their activities;
- the future potential of school libraries and librarians to contribute to improved educational and community outcomes, especially literacy;
- the factors influencing recruitment and development of school librarians;
- the role of different levels of government and local communities and other institutions in partnering with and supporting school librarians; and
- the impact and potential of digital technologies to enhance and support the roles of school libraries and librarians

Announcing the inquiry, Committee Chair Ms Amanda Rishworth, MP, said, "The Committee is very pleased that this matter will be revisited by the new Education Committee. Teacher librarians make a significant contribution in our schools and we look forward to sharing our findings on how to enhance this valuable community resource."

The Committee will have reference to all the written submissions and evidence gathered at public hearings conducted by the former Education Committee in the previous Parliament.

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