

PETITION: INCREASE STATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

TO THE HONOURABLE THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OF NEW SOUTH WALES

The Petition of certain citizens of New South Wales states that:

- libraries are a fundamental part of the educational and cultural vibrancy of community, providing lifelong learning and opportunities for social interaction,
- from 1979-80 to 2010-11, the percentage of total funding for public libraries that comes from the NSW Government has decreased from 23.6% to 7.5%, and
- this has shifted more of the burden of funding public libraries onto local government.

PROVIDE DETAILS HERE (REQUIRED):

NAME	ADDRESS	SIGNATURE

Your petitioners request that the House will call on the NSW Government to:

- ✓ recognise the social and economic benefits provided to the community by public libraries, and
- ✓ increase NSW Government funding of public libraries to reinstate its previous percentage level of contribution.

OPTIONAL – STAY INFORMED:

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