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### Inquiry into ACT Libraries

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to comment on the ACT Library Service.

### Role within the ACT Community

I would like to thank the ACT libraries for providing a welcoming environment with story times and stacks of attractive books to entrance young children. Libraries play a major role in developing literacy in young Australians, as well as providing research facilities and recreational reading for adults and older children. The librarians who select books for the house-bound provide a wonderful community service.

### Facilities for public use

Both Woden and Erindale branches provide community groups with rooms for meetings. I belong to a book group - the library service provides many of the books. The Woden library has a coat rack in the entrance for people to leave or take a warm coat for winter. I particularly appreciate the Woden library's 20c per page printing service.

### Accessibility

I mostly use the Woden branch. I regard it as highly accessible, as it's open every day, has a flat entrance and is handy to the bus (different level, but there's a lift) as well as the shops and health centre.

### Cost effectiveness

The libraries are very efficient. They are mostly located on the edge of community hubs. They have double doors to keep the heat in. Not all libraries open at night or on Sundays. Erindale Library also looks after the college students. Libraries also seem to keep an eye on non-digital magazine subscriptions - I have noticed that some stop arriving, and have assumed that's because people don't borrow them.

For individual ACT citizens, it is much more cost-effective to support the library and read a shared copy of a book or magazine that you do not wish to keep.

### In short

I regard the ACT Library Service as wonderful. Please don't reduce its funding.

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