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STANDING COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT AND CITY SERVICES  
Ms Suzanne Orr MLA (Chair), Miss Candice Burch MLA (Deputy Chair), Mr James Milligan MLA

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Release of Report into Libraries

Today the Chair of the Standing Committee on Environment and Transport and City Services, Ms Suzanne Orr MLA, tabled the Committee report on its [Inquiry into ACT Libraries](#).

The inquiry commenced in August 2018, and the Committee received 84 submissions from individuals and organisations describing their interactions with public libraries.

The report makes 14 recommendations for improvement in public library services in Canberra, including: an additional library branch for the Molonglo and Weston Creek region; an electronic booking system for meeting rooms; and after-hours access through parcel collect lockers.

It also examines the efforts by Libraries ACT to engage with the community, and to be accessible and inclusive to a wide range of community groups with diverse needs.

‘It was a privilege for the Committee to read dozens of personal descriptions of the impact of libraries in people’s lives,’ Ms Orr said. ‘It is clear that libraries are highly valued in the Canberra community, and held in great affection. Libraries improve quality of life, promote lifelong learning, and contribute to social inclusion.’

‘The Committee appreciates the efforts of all the people and organisations who took time to write a submission and put forward constructive suggestions for improvements in library services.’

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