

The Secretary
Committee of Review

I am writing to request that there be a review of the budget cuts on the National Library. These have been quite disproportionate to the services rendered to the Australian public and have had a deleterious effect on the operations of the Library which is an important institution in Australian cultural life. In these days when there seem to be high priority given to 'hardware' agencies such as Defence, it is too easy to overlook the important services rendered by our cultural institutions. The National Library, not only in its collections and research services, but also in its outreach and education programmes is essential to the ongoing cultural life of Australia. Its staff work very hard to provide the excellent services they do. I am therefore writing to ask that a review of the budget cuts be instituted and that the NLA be granted increased funds to keep these services going.

Yours sincerely
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