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To Whom It May Concern

As Chairperson of the Braitling School Council in Alice Springs, Northern Territory I would like to contribute information in relation to the Inquiry Into School Libraries and Teacher Librarians in Australian Schools.

Braitling Primary School maintains a school library which is used by students and staff on a daily basis. The library is considered an important and essential resource for the school for both teaching and students personal development.

As part of this resource there are two (2) staff members who are tasked with maintaining, cataloguing, purchasing, repairs and teaching. The school considers the library and resources to be a vital component of the school's main objectives in knowledge transfer and supporting the schools many initiatives to add value to the whole operation.

This resource is not a fully funded component of the schools structure and for many years it has relied upon the schools internal budget to continue contributing to its operation.

With many schools across Australia in the same position, it is acknowledged that all schools find it quite challenging to continue to provide this invaluable component which supports many aspects of the schools operation. Should these positions be funded in the future it would allow our internal budget to be spent on other key learning areas within our school for our students and teachers.

I invite you to come and see this situation for yourself and look forward to further discussing this item with you.

Yours faithfully,

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