

The Secretary

House of Representatives

Standing Committee on Education and Training

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Dear Sir,

The teaching staff at Kogarah High School wish to object in the strongest terms to the school pilot on "increased school based decision making on recruitment, staffing mix and budget"

We feel this is the first step to the abolition of teacher-librarian positions in state schools. If this were to occur, in addition to the reduced professional credentials of teacher-librarian employees; there are legal ramifications regarding supervision of students. There would not be a pilot study unless there was a willingness or predisposition to alter the system and decrease professionalism.

We consider this to be a dangerous step since there is usually a flow on effect to other teaching positions- increased use of para-professionals being the ultimate outcome.

Staffing allocation in the hands of individual principals can only lead to abuse and nepotism.

The Federation Committee

Kogarah High School.