

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: Your use of emotive language creates a powerful connection. Your metaphors like "stab the community's heart" effectively convey your passion.

Weaknesses: Tone inconsistency → Your letter shifts between formal and informal language, which weakens your persuasive impact. Phrases like "ignited a spark of agony perishing my soul" feel overdramatic compared to more measured parts of your argument. ***I am writing to express my deep concern regarding the planned demolition of our beloved community library to make way for a shopping centre. This decision would rob our community of an irreplaceable cultural treasure.***

#2 Strengths: Your descriptive language paints a vivid picture of what the library means to you. Your personal connection to the library strengthens your argument.

Weaknesses: Lack of specific community impact → You focus mainly on personal feelings rather than broader community consequences. "My tear-streaked face pleads you to stop" emphasizes individual emotion over community-wide effects. ***The library serves hundreds of students and seniors weekly, providing essential services like free computer access, reading programs, and community meeting spaces that a shopping centre simply cannot replace.***

#3 Strengths: Your conclusion effectively appeals to councillors' sense of legacy and responsibility. You pose a thought-provoking final question.

Weaknesses: Limited practical alternatives → You express opposition but don't offer workable solutions or compromises. "We can not allow the past to be bulldozed in the name of profit" states your position without suggesting how to balance preservation with development. ***I respectfully suggest considering a compromise where the historic façade could be preserved while modernising the interior, or perhaps integrating a community library space within any new development to honour our heritage while moving forward.***

■ Your letter shows tremendous passion for the library, but could be more effective with a calmer, more balanced approach. The emotional language might seem overdone in parts, making it harder for councillors to take your concerns seriously. You need clearer examples of how the library benefits different groups in the community - young students, elderly residents, job seekers who use computers there. Also, your argument would be stronger if you included possible solutions rather than just saying "no" to the development. You could suggest keeping part of the building as a smaller library within the new centre, or moving the library to another historic building. Try using more specific examples of library programs that help the community.

Additionally, consider acknowledging the council's need for economic development while explaining why the library contributes to the community's wellbeing in ways a shopping centre cannot.

Score: 40/50

Section 2:

Date: 14th of April 2025
To: Penrith City Council 601 High Street, Penrith NSW 2750
From: Sender's Office 218 Belmore Street, Penrith NSW 2750
Unacceptable Demolishment of Community Library

Dear Penrith Councillors, ~~#1 I am writing as you have ignited a spark of agony perishing my soul.~~ [I am writing because I am deeply troubled by your recent decision.] You have plans to destroy Penrith's historical masterpiece; the library, and replace it with a commercial shopping centre. Is the extinction of written knowledge and fantasy really worth another market saturated with car exhaust fumes? I acknowledge that you wish to develop to fit the economic status as of right now, but disconnecting the sacred connection between the community is unacceptable. I, a student who cherishes the true value of the community library by enjoying the books that lay on the dusty shelves of our beautifully old archive of imagination, will disapprove of any attempt to stab the community's heart. You are a talented person who understands how to puppeteer, pulling the strings to benefit our district, and doing that with recognised opinions of the people. Please recognise mine and many others, too.

The Community Library of Penrith is bound to our spirits, its architectural brilliance allowing us to embrace the pure delicacy of ancient times. To erase this deeply treasured space is to sever a bond with our neighbourhood's soul. Beyond the now locked metal gates of the library, I reminisce about the blissful collection of wisdom I stood before, the magnificent discoveries I adventured through, and the unbreakable thread of friendship I have between me and the shelves that awaken boundless thought. The library is a guardian of knowledge, bearing no limits to imagination. The mystifying awareness that you are one to attack the kingdom of studies is unbelievable.

What will replace our iconic library? A shopping complex devoid of spirit. ~~#2 My tear-streaked face pleads you to stop the demolition of the core of my heart.~~ [I strongly urge you to reconsider the demolition that would impact so many in our community.] The utter thought of our alluring library being reduced to repulsive debris shatters my foundation. My voice is paired with echoes of melancholy and other library-lovers, and I hope you receive them. It is beneficial for you to stop the plans, now, in order to keep the society's trust in you. We respect your determination to

develop our economy, but is eliminating the wings of preservation shielding knowledge essential to develop the economy?

#3 The removal of knowledge, happiness, bonds and imagination will eventually destroy everyone's spirit. Do you wish for the shattering of hearts and the lack of pure joy on Earth? We should embrace our lifetime through adventures of words, as the unveiling of learning makes routes for our mind, fighting the struggles with yet another shelf of discovery. I beg you to consider my request to end the demolition of knowledge, deliberately. You must know that our library is not just a regular library, it is the place of storage for education and amusement. We can not allow the past to be bulldozed in the name of profit. This is not paper and bricks — this is legacy, this is love, this is learning. I ask you again: will you be the guardian of our future or the demolisher of our past?

Respectfully, S.C