

Section 1:

#1 Strengths: You've used emotive language to create a personal connection with the reader. Your description of the library as a "sanctuary" effectively conveys its importance.

Weaknesses: Emotional Appeal Inconsistency → You begin with strong emotion but then use phrases like "full of communism" which distracts from your persuasive message. The comparison to "a noisy, chaotic place" needs more specific details about why the replacement would be problematic.

Exemplar: ***I am writing to express my deep concern about your decision to replace our beloved library—a vital community resource—with a commercial development that will significantly diminish our neighbourhood's character and educational opportunities.***

#2 Strengths: You effectively highlight how the library serves different age groups, showing its broad community value. Your metaphor of the library creating "beautiful patterns" is visually compelling.

Weaknesses: Argument Structure → Your comparison between the library and its replacement jumps between emotional appeals and exaggerated claims without providing concrete reasons. Phrases like "fighting over dollar store items" and "rotten food" seem overly dramatic without supporting evidence.

Exemplar: ***If our library is replaced, we will lose not just a building, but a vital community hub where children discover new worlds through books, students find a quiet place to study, and seniors connect with others. In its place, we would gain just another noisy retail space that offers none of these community benefits.***

#3 Strengths: You've included information about librarians and the positive effects of libraries on mental health. Your closing appeal is heartfelt and emphasises the emotional impact.

Weaknesses: Supporting Evidence → Your claim about "one librarian for every 500 Australians" stands alone without connecting to your argument. You mention that libraries "decrease stress and promote creativity" but don't explain how this specifically benefits your community.

Exemplar: ***Our professional librarians help hundreds of community members each week, guiding readers to new discoveries and supporting students with research. These valuable services directly contribute to our community's wellbeing, as libraries have been proven to create spaces where people feel both intellectually stimulated and emotionally supported.***

■ Your persuasive letter shows passion, but needs more structure to convince the council. Try organising your arguments into clearer paragraphs that each focus on one main reason to save

the library. Your strongest points are about how the library serves different age groups and promotes wellbeing, but these could be developed further. Also, focus on realistic consequences rather than extreme scenarios. You could improve paragraph three by removing dramatic phrases about "chaos" and instead describe specific community benefits that would be lost. Your final paragraph touches on authors and illustrators but doesn't fully develop this point. Try connecting your ideas more clearly using words like "furthermore" and "consequently" to show how one point leads to another. Remember that council members need practical reasons alongside emotional appeals to make their decision.

Score: 41/50

Section 2:

Dear local council,

I am writing this letter to you from my deep concern and heartbreak from your decision to just erase and replace our beautiful haven for ~~a noisy, chaotic place full of communism~~ [a noisy, chaotic commercial development]. #1 The library is not just a random place for books to stay. It is a place where people thrive and grow. It's a great place for all different reasons, for example, the stories are great, there are bean bags for you to sit on, a great place for peace, study and for communicating with other people who also love the library just like you. Can you really take this historical library just for a shop with unfair treatments, annoying customers and a place for crime?

Please I beg you, do not take our sanctuary the library away. The library is for the children who have yet to find their ~~favorited~~ [favourite] book. For the teenagers who need a space to study. For the parents who need an escape and the elderly who need a kind word. For everyone. #2 A library is not just a building. A library is a second home. Children go there to escape to other worlds. Teens go there as a respite from school pressures to engage in a bit of literacy in a quiet sanctuary. Young adults, adults, and seniors go there for peace and companionship and education while feeling part of an extended family. It's a place that brings generations and cultures together like pegs on a board creating the most beautiful patterns. Why would you ever want to disrupt that?

Have you considered what will be there instead? Chaos. Noise. People fighting over dollar store items. Upside down displays, rotten food, angry customers. This isn't what people want for the future. This is absurd. Why would a loud ranting and raving community be better than a quiet place of education? I realize that this may be a small change for some constituents. But for us, it's monumental. It's everything. You won't be just destroying bricks and mortar. You'll be destroying memories. You'll be eradicating places of quiet and exploration. ~~How would YOU like it if something your parents took pride in, a place learned in by your grandparents with your~~

~~parents and you, just disappeared like it was always unimportant?~~ [How would you feel if a place cherished by generations of your own family was suddenly deemed unimportant and demolished?]

#3 And what of the staff? The personable librarians who help us find what we want or try to push something new on us. There is one librarian for every 500 Australians. Where will they go if a library no longer exists? They will no longer be able to do what they love in a space that makes a difference. Libraries decrease stress and promote creativity, according to mental health experts. Those who ~~utilize~~ [utilise] libraries possess greater intellectual curiosity, are more open-minded and ~~globalized~~ [globalised], and feel more connected. Isn't this what we want for our community? A space where people can feel relaxed, inspired, and accepted?

Books don't judge us. They sit on their shelves, waiting to be removed and read cover to cover. Social media may be the trend, attracting clickbait and reality. Just imagine how the authors and illustrators would have felt if all their books they spent hard work on got removed. Please hear those who care for our library, please keep the place that helped all of us.

Sincerely, Sophie