

Section 1:

#1 "Dear Penrith Councillors, I am writing as you have ignited a spark of agony perishing my soul. 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."

Strengths: Your emotional language effectively conveys your personal connection to the library. Your question about "extinction of written knowledge" creates a powerful image.

Emotional hyperbole → Your opening relies too heavily on dramatic language that might seem excessive to councillors. Phrases like "ignited a spark of agony perishing my soul" and "extinction of written knowledge" could undermine your credibility rather than strengthen your argument. Instead, balance emotion with reasonable concerns that councillors would find compelling.

***Dear Penrith Councillors, I am writing with deep concern about the plans to replace our historic library with a commercial shopping centre. This beloved building has served as the heart of our community for generations, providing not just books but a gathering place for learning and connection.***

#2 "The plan for a new shopping complex will benefit us economically, and keep us up the ranks on economic status. I can completely comprehend why you would decide to do this. However, the blueprints and ideas are bloodstained with greed and desperation. Destroying one of our suburb's greatest ancient structures would only symbolise how you proceed to knock down the things we love and replace them with things we don't need."

Strengths: You acknowledge the opposing view about economic benefits, which shows fairness. Your contrast between "things we love" and "things we don't need" is effective.

Accusatory language → You undermine your concession by using harsh judgmental language like "bloodstained with greed and desperation" which could offend councillors rather than persuade them. This aggressive tone might cause them to dismiss your arguments entirely. Focus on presenting the library's value in a way that helps councillors see alternatives to their current plan.

***I understand the economic benefits a new shopping complex might bring to our community. However, I believe we can find development solutions that preserve our heritage while still achieving economic growth. Our historic library represents irreplaceable cultural value that, once lost, cannot be restored to future generations.***

#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."

Strengths: Your passion for reading and libraries comes through clearly. Your writing shows how libraries contribute to emotional wellbeing.

Unclear phrasing → Your message gets lost in poetic but confusing language. Phrases like "unveiling of learning makes routes for our mind" and "fighting the struggles with yet another shelf of discovery" sound nice but don't clearly communicate practical reasons to save the library. Use clearer language to help councillors understand specific benefits the library provides to the community.

***The library provides essential services that benefit everyone in our community. Children discover the joy of reading in its children's corner, students find quiet study spaces, and elderly residents gather for book clubs that combat loneliness. These concrete community benefits cannot be replaced by retail shops.***

■ Your persuasive letter shows strong passion but needs more focus on specific, practical concerns that councillors would find compelling. You've created vivid imagery, but sometimes your language becomes too emotional or abstract. Try to balance emotional appeals with concrete examples of how the library benefits different community members. Also, your letter would be stronger if you suggested alternatives, such as renovating the existing building or incorporating a modern library into any new development. You could improve the effectiveness by mentioning specific library programs that benefit the community. Additionally, consider including a clear, direct request in your conclusion rather than rhetorical questions. Your writing shows strong creative skills, but to persuade councillors, you need to help them see practical solutions, not just express disappointment.

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**Score: 44/50**

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Section 2:

Dear Penrith Councillors,

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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. Professor Keys has scientifically proved that over 30% of individuals whom regularly visit the library have a more intelligent mindset compared to those who don't. 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 that yet displays goods, but shoplifts our minds. My tear-streaked face pleads you to stop the demolition of the core of my heart. 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?

#2 The plan for a new shopping complex will benefit us economically, and keep us up the ranks on economic status. I can completely comprehend why you would decide to do this. However, the blueprints and ideas are bloodstained with greed and desperation. Destroying one of our suburb's greatest ancient structures would only symbolise] how you proceed to knock down the things we love and replace them with things we don't need. Picture this: a bubbly child, dancing their way to their beloved library. But as they approach, bulldozers roar, cranes scream and construction builders argue. The rainbow aura fades from the child, their face frowning and smile drooping; a broken soul and a loss of ability to trust. How will they ~~percept~~ [perceive] you when they find out you did this?

#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~~ [cannot] 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

