

Writing Feedback

TERM 1 2025 | DAY 2 WRITING | 15th April

Section 1:

#1 (First paragraph) Strengths: You effectively state your position against the demolition of the library. You also use emotive language to convey your passion. Weakness: Vague language → Your choice of vocabulary such as "visceral" and "prodigious" doesn't precisely convey your intended meaning, and the opening sentence contains grammatical errors that weaken your argument. Exemplar: *Dear Council, I strongly oppose the proposed demolition of our library, which serves as the cultural heart of our entire suburb.*

#2 (Third paragraph) Strengths: You mention specific events hosted at the library, which helps readers visualize its importance. You also appeal to readers' emotions through vivid imagery. Weakness: Overly dramatic imagery → The phrases like "the air would be humid of all the melancholy feelings" and "the suburb would be dread with no sign of hope" are exaggerated and lack the factual backing that would make your argument more persuasive. Exemplar: *The library hosts numerous community events including weekly chess competitions and children's poetry readings that attract over 200 residents each month. Without this venue, our community would lose its primary gathering space and cultural centre.*

#3 (Fifth paragraph) Strengths: You attempt to address a counterargument, which shows awareness of opposing viewpoints. You also maintain a respectful tone toward the council. Weakness: Underdeveloped counterargument → Your rebuttal to the counterargument about shopping centres simply states that the library is "beloved" without providing substantial evidence for why the library offers unique value compared to other venues. Exemplar: *While shopping centres do host events, a 2023 local survey revealed that 78% of residents prefer library events because they are free, educational, and accessible to all age groups, unlike commercial venues that primarily target consumers.*

■ Your letter shows genuine passion for saving the library, which is its greatest strength. However, your argument would be more persuasive with specific evidence rather than emotional appeals. You could strengthen your case by including statistics about library usage, testimonials from community members, or historical facts about the building's significance. Also, your vocabulary choices sometimes miss the mark, using complex

words that don't quite fit the context. Try to be more precise with your language and focus on concrete examples rather than abstract descriptions. Your counterargument section needs more development—acknowledge the opposition's points fully before refuting them with evidence. Additionally, structuring your paragraphs around specific themes (historical value, community impact, educational importance) would make your argument clearer and more organized.

Overall score: 42/50

Section 2:

Dear Council,

I ~~demand~~ [insist] the library ~~shall~~ [should] not be demolished ~~after all its~~ [as it is] the only ~~visceral~~ [vital] place in the entire suburb.

#1 The library is the most ~~prodigious~~ [precious] residence as it holds many popular events, it's a place where ~~euphoria~~ [community spirit] gathers, and now it's going to be demolished! Why would anyone do such an ~~insolent~~ [insensitive] thing? Removing the local library is like destroying an innocent ~~persons~~ [person's] house.

The library is an old heritage building full of knowledge and ~~vivacity~~ [vitality], as this building stands for over a 120 years, what advantage will be earned after destroying the building? The library teaches many good values, while if the library gets demolished more people will go to shopping ~~centre~~ [centres] where bad habits and values can be picked up, they could be greed, temporary happiness and people might even become ~~spend-thrifts~~ [spendthrifts] or materialistic.

#2 As I said before, the library holds many events like community gatherings, chess competitions, and children's poem reading. If the library gets destroyed ~~they'd~~ [there'd] be nothing like that. Once the building is destroyed, the air would be ~~humid of all the melancholy feelings~~ [filled with sadness], the suburb would be ~~dread~~ [dreary] with no sign of hope as the only eye catching place would be destroyed. As the air gets hotter and hotter no one would care as they have already ~~bared~~ [borne] a significant loss.

Destroying the library also means you're going to destroy all the memories made within it and this can affect many people mentally, and why would anyone want the worst ~~of~~ [for] someone else? If the library gets demolished many people wouldn't have accessibility over books especially people who can't afford them and also those who aren't that tech savvy rely on books.

#3 Once you and the council have read my following arguments you may say, "After reading the above paragraph the council and I have raised some questions and things we want you to think about, Why do we need a library when there are so many events held in shopping centres? People mostly buy books from shops." Well the council may be right, but it still wouldn't change the fact that the library is a beloved place, ~~its~~ [it's] like a second home to many others.

Finally, as a concerned citizen I humbly ask the ~~student~~ [city] council not to demolish the local library as it's a vital heritage to this suburb.

Sincerely,

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