

Writing Feedback

TERM 1 2025 | DAY 2 WRITING | 15th April

Section 1:

#1: "Libraries are crucial According to a recent survey of our community, 87% respondents chose libraries over shopping centres. This establishes that the majority of our township prefers a library, to a shopping complex, because people can learn without having to pay a fee to go in and read or use resources, and it is a safe place for the community to congregate and socialise."

Strengths: You've effectively used statistical evidence to support your argument. Your point about libraries being free learning spaces is compelling.

Weakness: Paragraph structure and punctuation → This section lacks proper paragraph structuring with a missing full stop after "crucial" and several comma splices throughout. The statistical evidence is strong, but needs clearer integration into your argument with better sentence boundaries. The phrases "87% respondents" and "prefers a library, to a shopping complex" reflect issues with article usage and unnecessary commas.

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#2: "Books transport you to another world Books are a large component of libraries. The latest study by Doctors Martin Neil and Julia Johnson confirmed that across Australia, 79% prefer reading at night, rather than staring at a screen. Whether it is a newspaper, or picture book, these prized books are crucial to us. Where will people turn to read if there is no library?"

Strengths: You've included expert opinions and another statistical reference. Your rhetorical question at the end effectively engages the reader.

Weakness: Sentence fragment and flow → The opening statement "Books transport you to another world" lacks proper punctuation connection to the next sentence. While you've included relevant statistics and expert opinion, the paragraph jumps between ideas

without smooth transitions. The phrase "whether it is a newspaper, or picture book" has an unnecessary comma that disrupts the flow.

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#3: "In conclusion, I believe that if you decide to demolish our sacred library, many of our hearts will break, whether it is from no more books, not being able to experience learning anything new, or the significance of losing priceless memories. Studies also show that many people across Australia love reading, but if you still have not changed your mind, could you consider allocating a space in the building, for a new library, so we can balance the needs of our community?"

Strengths: Your conclusion effectively summarises your main arguments. The alternative suggestion at the end shows you're open to compromise.

Weakness: Emotional appeal versus logical conclusion → While emotional appeals can be effective, this conclusion relies heavily on emotional language like "sacred" and "hearts will break" without reinforcing the logical arguments you built earlier. The phrase "Studies also show that many people across Australia love reading" introduces a new vague reference without specific details. The final request has unnecessary commas disrupting its clarity.

Exemplar: ***In conclusion, I firmly believe that demolishing our historically significant library would deprive our community of irreplaceable educational resources, cultural artifacts, and a vital social space. The evidence clearly demonstrates that our community values libraries over shopping centres. However, if development must proceed, I respectfully request that you consider allocating dedicated space within the new building for a modern library, thereby balancing commercial interests with our community's educational and cultural needs.***

■ Your persuasive letter shows good understanding of the issue and includes several strong arguments against demolishing the library. I particularly like your use of statistics to support your points. To strengthen your writing, focus on developing a clear counterargument section that acknowledges economic benefits of shopping centres but then refutes them. Also, your paragraphs would benefit from clearer topic sentences and

more specific examples. For instance, when mentioning "priceless memories," you could briefly describe a specific historical artifact or document housed in the library. Additionally, your emotional appeals would be more effective if balanced with more concrete examples of how the library specifically benefits different community groups. Try organizing your paragraphs more systematically, with each focusing on a single main argument supported by evidence. Your formality level is appropriate for a councillor, but more precise vocabulary would strengthen your persuasiveness.

Overall score: 42/50

Section 2:

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15th April 2025

Councillor Alexander Smith

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New South Wales,

Australia

Dear Mr. Smith,

I am writing to you to talk about the proposed new shopping mall project. As a student who values knowledge, the local library is a sanctuary for storing cultural and intellectual gems. Like me, other people also treasure this library, and if you decide to demolish the town's beloved library, many of us will be devastated. I would like you to reconsider moving the project to another ~~sight~~ [site], where no library will be destroyed, and this is why.

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Alton Library holds Priceless ~~Memoires~~ [Memories] From stone carvings, to manuscripts, to first edition books, our local library provides Randwick a variety of knowledge. Opened in 1954, by our late Queen Elizabeth, this library holds a cultural significance. If you demolish this sacred haven, all these precious books, irreplaceable artifacts, prized letters and its history will no longer have a home. 'A room without books, is a body without a soul.' A famous saying, quoted by Marcus Tullius Cicero. Hundreds of hearts are bound to break, hearing the news of our library being destroyed. So, what is the point of building a shopping centre when what is already there holds so much value to our community?

People learn new things from libraries From discovering new theories, to working ~~new~~ [with new] technologies, to studying equations, the library has immense potential power to uplift, providing tools for people to expand their knowledge. "Learning is like opening new doors for people to get smarter." ~~Says~~ [says] Professor Michel Williams at his latest lecture on civilisation. With libraries, their legacy will indefinitely last for decades to come. Do you not realise that you are ruining generations of knowledge, if you build a new shopping centre here?

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Sincerely,

Lily Moore Amelie