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Re: Equity and NSW Government School Libraries

Dear Paul,

Many thanks for your continued support in the many and varied issues that require attention.

As per your request this morning, I have attached herein the following documents:

- A copy of the letter that I sent to the Hon. John Della Bosca in his capacity as Minister for Education and Training on June 23, 2006 which details many of the matters of concern.
- A copy of the response from Mr Della Bosca's office, dated June 29 2007 which states that the "matters ... are receiving attention", although there has been no further contact or information since that date as at the time of writing.
- A copy of my last communication with you dated July 22 2007, which amongst other things notes the attention our "American Cousins" have given to this matter via the passing of national legislation to address many of the very same issues in school libraries.
- A copy of a letter from the NSW Premier, that was a response to an additional issue relating to school libraries.
- An extract from the NSW DET Annual Report for 2006 which within the 319 pages only mentions libraries 4 times; three times in relation to repairs to individual libraries, and once in relation to the TAFE Library Strategy Group (School Libraries do not have such a representation – all decisions affecting school libraries are made without consultation with any of the stakeholders or a representative group).

Please note in relation to the Premier's letter that he has stated that he has communicated with all principals, expressing his support for Teacher Librarians.

Perhaps when you next speak to the Premier, you could pass on the information that despite extensive networking and ongoing follow-up, I have not been able to locate even ONE Teacher Librarian who has been informed by their Principal of the contents of the letter. I'm presuming that the Premier had expected that his "deep appreciation" of Teacher Librarians would have been passed onto them (?)

I look forward to hearing from you,

Amanda Credaro