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Subject: Attention: The Shadow Minister for Education and Training

Attention: Mr Andrew Stoner,

Shadow Minister for Education and Training

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CC: Special Interest Teacher Librarians of NSW Government Schools

July 7, 2007

Dear Sir,

On Saturday June 23, 2007 I emailed you a list of concerns regarding public education in NSW government schools, specifically in regard to those issues relating to government school libraries in NSW. The same email was also transmitted to the Minister for Education and Training. Not having received a response from you by July 3, I contacted your electoral office in Kempsey, and was told that 'they' would be in touch with you on my behalf.

It is disappointing to note that as at the date of writing (July 7, 2007), I still have not received any response from you. Can you tell me if you require any further information? Would it be of assistance if I were to provide information regarding the large body of research on this topic, or any of the published papers? I have collated numerous statistics to support my contentions regarding the situation in NSW government schools, and would be happy also to forward those to you. However, as the sources of that information have not given consent for their identity to be revealed, the information is largely 'anonymous' - but would be confirmed by independently surveying all DET schools.

A Google Search on this topic reveals 'about' 11,000,000 hits - I would be happy to provide you with a list of the most relevant 100 websites for further evidence.

However, realising that your time is limited, perhaps as an alternative I may recommend the online paper that was presented at the last Microsoft (a "learning partner" with the NSW DET)- ACEL (Australian Council of Educational Leadership) Conference. I believe that 10 or so minutes spent reading the contents of the paper will provide you with a wealth of background information that demonstrates the depth and scope of this issue - which may not be immediately apparent.

See: <http://warriorlibrarian.com/InfoLit/index.html>

On behalf of the 2,400 Teacher Librarians working in NSW government schools, the 60,000-odd classroom teachers who rely on Teacher Librarians for teaching and learning support, and the 740,000 students enrolled in the Public Education system, I thank you in advance for your time and attention to these issues.

(Address and phone number supplied on Email to Mr Stoner)