Name and address of recipient

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Dear

I am a teacher librarian and am writing regarding future funding for Trove, the free online research portal managed by the National Library of Australia (NLA) and used daily by some 70,000 users[[1]](#footnote-1) for a wide range of reasons.

School communities have benefited greatly from Trove, which provides students and teachers with the opportunity to engage with primary source material and develop a deeper understanding of Australian history and culture. Many schools rely on Trove to supplement their library collections and support curriculum requirements across a range of subject areas.

Under the previous federal government, funding for the NLA – including funding for Trove – was significantly diminished to the point that the Library currently only has funding to support Trove until July 2023. Commenting on the funding crisis facing the NLA and several other national cultural institutions, the current federal Minister for the Arts, Tony Burke, has stated that Trove is an “incredibly important “resource[[2]](#footnote-2) and acknowledges the

 “justified outcry”[[3]](#footnote-3) over its possible demise.

I believe that the cessation of funding for Trove would have a significant impact on the ability of school libraries to provide quality educational resources for students. Without Trove, school libraries would be unable to offer the current level of access to Australian cultural and historical materials; a great loss for students and educators alike.

I urge you, therefore, to support the continued funding of Trove and help ensure that this important resource remains available to all Australians, now and in the future.

Sincerely,

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2. ibid. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
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