



Press Release: ALIA SA Specials SA: Closure of government libraries

As we celebrate [Library Lovers Day 2019](#) on the 14 February 2019, we need to acknowledge the critical role that special libraries play in government, industry and the community.

Three state government agencies are planning to close their libraries driven by the need to find budget cuts.

Library services that:

- contribute to the state's economic priorities by making South Australia the best place to live, visit and to do business.
- shape the liveability of South Australia by delivering integrated transport outcomes.
- foster the availability of information and robust policy making.
- enable due diligence.
- support evidence based decision making.

Closing libraries:

- exposes government departments to a high risk of ill-informed decision-making.
- won't save money, library and information services provide a significant return on investment.

Government library and information services are critical if the people who shape our future are to have access to the very latest information, and if government employees are to have access to the knowledge of the past that informs tomorrow's outcomes.

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