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Dear Roger,

COUNCIL CONTRIBUTIONS TO MACQUARIE REGIONAL LIBRARY

Thank you for attending the meeting at Dubbo Regional Council on 4 July 2019 to discuss the member Council Contributions to Macquarie Regional Library (MRL).

Dubbo Regional Council recently undertook a review of MRL Regional Office operations to determine if the library's service levels were commensurate with member Council per capita contributions. The review outcome showed that the library service levels to Narromine and Warrumbungle Shires are outside the current per capita funding arrangement.

In this regard, Narromine and Warrumbungle Shires are currently being over-served by 2% and 9% respectively in terms of the Regional Office overheads and provisions. Importantly, the MRL service points of Binnaway, Mendooran and Baradine have relatively high operational costs, but offer very limited library services with low patron usage and borrowing. Under the current conditions, increasing Warrumbungle's contributions for the service points is not expected to increase library related usage significantly.

The use of alternative outreach library service delivery continues to evolve and community outreach, technology and online services are integral aspects of this growing trend. As such, Macquarie Regional Library provides a range of online services, e.g., library website, e-resources, e-audio, online databases, and e-newsletter across the MRL service areas. These online 24/7 services are supported by a wide range of high quality programs, activities, and event, with experienced staff at Dubbo, Wellington, Narromine, Trangie, Coonabarabran, Coolah and Dunedoo branches.

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As a means of providing relevant and cost effective services to all MRL member Councils and their communities, a range of options have been identified as alternative methods for delivering library services, particularly in small communities. These options are considered more fully in the attached Options Paper.

Yours faithfully,

Michael McMahon
Chief Executive Officer

