

## Library and Information Association of New Zealand Te Rau Herenga O Aotearoa

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Tēnā koe Hoani

Re: Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga Archives NZ and Te Puna Mātauranga O Aotearoa National Library

This letter is sent to you by Te Rau Herenga o Aotearoa LIANZA, New Zealand's Library and Information Association, regarding the proposal for a closer working collaboration between Archives NZ and the National Library.

LIANZA understands that any restructuring process is a difficult one for both the organisation and the employees affected by the changes. LIANZA acknowledge that the intent of this realignment of services is to create efficiencies in service delivery, improve collaboration and strengthen Mātauranga Māori capabilities.

LIANZA's relationship with both organisations and with Te Tari Taiwhenua is important to us. The National Library is an institutional member of LIANZA, and we are keen to keep our dialogue with you open on these changes.

LIANZA is aware that this realignment will involve significant sector change, and we believe that it is important that there is transparency throughout the process. We encourage you to keep the decision-making processes open and responsive to public feedback, and we strongly urge you to share information on this realignment at the appropriate point.

LIANZA is happy to support any consultation process or sharing of information to help this process as we have good communications with the wider sector.

We trust that these changes will not impact on the important work these organisation's currently do for the library, information and records sector. For instance, the important digitisation work already underway, and the access to services by the public and sector.

LIANZA value our relationship with both organisations, and we appreciate that the transition process is difficult. We welcome the opportunity to continue our dialogue with you on these changes.

Ngā mihi nui

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