



PLA OBJECTS AND VALUE STATEMENTS

Objects

Public Libraries Australia Ltd's Constitution establishes it for the purposes of:

1. representing public libraries at a national level
2. providing advocacy for public libraries
3. lobbying the Federal Government on behalf of public libraries, and
4. being the voice of Australian public libraries

Responsibilities and activities

From these objects certain responsibilities follow. PLA seeks to discharge these responsibilities through involvement in the following activities:

1. Ensuring that funding bodies are aware of the social and economic benefits of a cohesive, branded network of Australian public libraries
2. Ensuring that citizens are aware of the range of services provided by the network of Australian public libraries
3. Ensuring that Australian public libraries are adequately staffed and resourced to meet the needs of local communities
4. Fostering opportunities for resource sharing, staff exchanges and library technology updates
5. Developing appropriate performance measures to ensure minimum levels of public library service provision across Australia
6. Ensuring that public library staff have ample opportunity for professional development, and for maintaining the currency of their skills in customer service, information organisation and discovery
7. Providing a single point of contact for organisations and individuals who wish to deal with the public library network as a whole
8. Representing and speaking on behalf of the whole public library network for the purposes of conveying viewpoints to the media, lobbying, advocacy, preparing grant and other funding applications, and for joint purchasing of traditional and digital library materials
9. Acting as the coordinating body between the public library network and other peak bodies – such as the Australian Local Government Association and the Australian Library and Information Association
10. Fostering mutually beneficial relationships between public libraries and their suppliers
11. Facilitate and broker information service project opportunities for members to participate at a national level