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I agree with all the points made by the Health Librarians Open Letter.

I strongly agree with their final statement: “We believe that ALIA - as our professional association - should be advocating and promoting the unique skillset library and information professionals bring to the organisation, championing the profession, setting standards and encouraging people to gain accredited LIS qualifications – not de-professionalising us.”

In regard to the launch presentation, I found the Social Worker and IT professional case studies insulting. In my opinion, for a Librarian position a Bachelor, Grad Dip or Masters qualification is mandatory. If Australian Universities stop offering Bachelor, Postgraduate Diploma courses then online courses from overseas should be required.

I found the workshop disappointing as too much time was spent discussing a diagram rather than the real issues. I felt the same way about the survey. I would be very keen to know how many qualified Librarians respond vs non-Librarians. Surely more weight needs to be given to the experts with experience in the field as opposed to interested parties/future students. Many high level professionals with considerable experience and knowledge don't have much time to spend on this as they are very busy doing their jobs and meeting their KPIs.

I hope you've received a lot of responses from the University sector as they are one of the biggest employers with substantial collections, budgets and the most sophisticated service offerings. If you haven't received considerable positive responses from key employers and employees in the largest sectors, you should not make major changes to the current professional educational requirements.