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Paola Totaro's articles on the New South Wales Parliamentary Library, published in the *Sydney Morning Herald*

The people of New South Wales have reason to be grateful to Mr Rob Brian, the recently retired parliamentary librarian. Under his management, the state's Parliamentary Library and its Research Service have developed into a twenty-first century information service for our elected representatives.

But perhaps the *Sydney Morning Herald* would prefer political decision-making in this state to be based on nineteenth-century information. No-one who knows Mr Brian, the first librarian of the High Court of Australia, law librarian of the University of New South Wales for over twenty years, and colleague, mentor and friend to countless lawyers and law librarians around the world, could

possibly believe him to be capable of the kind of dishonest, unprofessional or unethical behaviour insinuated in Paula Totaro's articles (*Sydney Morning Herald* 26 April 2004 and 27 April 2004).

It is reprehensible that the suicide of one of his staff is now being exploited to intensify and perpetuate the campaign of innuendo which has been waged against Mr Brian for the past seven years.

One can only surmise what bureaucratic toes Mr Brian may inadvertently have stepped on since his appointment to the Parliament, to attract so disproportionate a revenge.

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