



# Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee

**Inquiry:** Inquiry into Local Government funding and services

**Hearing Date:** 4 September 2024

**Question[s] taken on notice**

**Directed to:** South Gippsland Shire Council

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## 1. **Bev MCARTHUR, Page 27**

**Question asked:**

**Bev McARTHUR:** Going to libraries, we have seen the announcement that you can get a grant if you ask five-year-olds what pronoun they want to use. Are you going to accept that grant?

**Sarah JOHNSTON [East Gippsland Shire Council]:** I can answer that. We have received the kits at our libraries, but we certainly will not be asking for pronouns as part of that. We would have an inclusivity piece and we would have a broader social cohesion piece at our libraries regardless. We have received the kits, but we will not be asking for pronouns, if that helps.

**Bev McARTHUR:** What about South Gippsland?

**Allison JONES:** We do not deliver our library service direct. We are part of what was, under the old Act, a library corporation. It is now a not-for-profit called Myli, which is Cardinia, us, Baw Baw and Bass Coast. So I will have to take your question on notice, but certainly our council is about inclusivity, and

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**Bev McARTHUR:** Inclusivity for five-year-olds?

**Allison JONES:** Inclusivity for everybody. But I certainly can take the question on notice in terms of Myli's answer.

**Response:**

*Myli has confirmed that the resource has been received via Public Libraries Victoria and the Victorian Government.*