

## Canadian Association of Learned Journals Association canadienne des revues savantes

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper  
Office of the Prime Minister  
80 Wellington Street  
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Dear Prime Minister,

The members of the Canadian Association of Learned Journals are expressing our great concern over the closure of a number of key Federal Government of Canada libraries. Our two national libraries, Library and Archives Canada and the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information, have seen devastating cuts in staff and funding that severely limit their ability to deliver on national mandates. Once respected world leaders, these much-diminished organizations are now unable to record, archive and promote our heritage and provide real support for scientific innovation in Canada. Most recently the government's destruction of the irreplaceable archival material at facilities such as the St. Andrews Biological Station, the Maurice Lamontagne Institute, and the Freshwater Institute will prevent their science from being the foundation of the next generation of research. Our researchers need these critical resources to research and then publish and disseminate Canadian innovation around the world.

This action on the part of Canada's federal government makes it impossible for Canada's scientific and research community to be heard or taken seriously internationally. We have lost our leadership and our credibility!

Our members are also extremely concerned about the closures of and reduction in services at Federal Government departmental libraries. The specialized expertise of the librarians and the incredible collections of research and data housed in these libraries provided an essential tool in research and innovation. They were in many cases, particularly for the public and for research libraries, key access points for the scientific, and social science and humanities journals of our Nation.

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Sincerely,



Frits Pannekoek

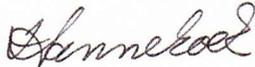
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cc: Elizabeth May, Leader, Green Party of Canada  
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