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**Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation of Books**

To the Commissioners

Dear Mike Woods and Louise Sylvan

I am concerned that our Labour Government which has in the past valued our Australian culture has placed on its agenda Parallel Importation of Books. An open market which threatens Australian Territorial rights and the livelihood of our authors and publishers.

Australian stories must be told. For this we need fertile soil for our Australian authors and our Australian publishers.

An argument has been put forward that the public will benefit from cheaper books. This argument comes from large booksellers who see the opportunity to increase their profit margins. Because they are able to place large orders with the publisher they receive up to 40% discount.

Why don't they pass some of their benefit onto the public now?

Support Australian Culture.

Support Australian Authors.

Support Australian Publishers.

Protect our Territorial Rights.

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Australian citizen  
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