

The Productivity Commission
Parallel Importation of Books Enquiry

Dear Sir,

I support the retention of the current 30/90 day rule provisions of the Copyright Act regarding the importation of books. The Australian publishing industry is a dynamic one, with a flourishing history of promoting first-time local authors, especially novelists and short fiction writers like myself. The business of publishing new fiction is more often than not, a speculative exercise and removing the current provisions would have a detrimental impact. Publishers will be less inclined to take on first-time authors, producing fewer books and less choice for consumers.

Yours sincerely,

Tim Herbert