

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to register my concern, as an experienced teacher, currently studying a Master of Education in the literacy field, over the possible repercussions of the lifting of regulations on overseas publishing of Australian books. It is already difficult to ensure that children learn the 'Australian' spelling of the English language thanks to the American spell check on computer programs and American television programs and movies.

It is extremely important that our children have access to Australian literature that has not been Americanised or we risk losing important literacy skills as well as our literary identity as a country.

Regards

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