

RICHARD SMART PUBLISHING

Submission for:

Parallel importation of book

As a book publisher with 48 years' experience I have watched the Australian Book publishing industry grow from a colonial outpost to one of the most creative, vibrant and successful in the publishing world.

I have worked and/or consulted for a wide variety of publishers, large and small, and in my role as Convenor of the Australian Book Publishers Association's Independent Publishers Committee I have close and constant contact with small, independent publishers. Over 70% of APA members are small, independent Australian publishers and, rightly, they are all very concerned about their futures: any changes to the current and successful copyright/importation rules will adversely affect not only them but also the industry as a whole – authors, editors, designers, publishers, booksellers and printers.

The Australian book publishing industry is a huge success story: the Government should be encouraging and nurturing it, not creating barriers that have the potential to bring it down.

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