

To the Commission,

As an Australian author of numerous books that have been published here and in Europe and the USA, I wish to make my views known on the proposed Parallel Importation of Books.

I am very concerned at moves to abolish territorial copyright for books in Australia. Territorial copyright is a vital protection for our intellectual property – the books we write – and without it we are exposed to major threats to our income and our basic rights as authors.

Territorial copyright flows from our rights as the holder of copyright in a book. The abolition of territorial copyright would amount to the expropriation of our intellectual property, and we call on the Productivity Commission to reject this completely.

Yours sincerely,

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