

Dear Commissioners,

I wish to submit my objection to the proposed parallel importation bill.

I have read arguments for both sides and can see that most Australian authors, but especially new authors, will be adversely affected if this legislation goes ahead. The price of books is most unlikely to fall and the number of books sold is unlikely to rise very much. But the international publishers will flood our market with their books. The big international booksellers may want this but there are many small sellers and small publishers who will go out of business. We should be protecting our writing industry not giving in to the big publishing countries such as the US and the UK who don't allow Australia freedom to enter their markets. Their authors are well protected. It is very difficult for Australian authors to break into the international business but we have excellent authors. Please see that they are helped not hindered in their careers. Our children too need to read more books that reflect our culture and not continue to be bombasted with US style books.

Yours faithfully,

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