

I would like to take this opportunity to weigh into the proposed changes regarding the parallel importation of books. Whilst I am not a writer, I see great validity in the points made by many authors on this issue. My daughter hopes, in years to come to write novels, and I would staunchly hope that this opportunity was not less viable due to unnecessary governmental changes.

I agree very much too about the danger to our "Australianisms" in our literature. My daughter has learnt to disregard and interpret American spelling and vocabulary although it would be a great shame to lose even more of our national pride and follow in the footsteps of America to any greater degree than we, as a nation, already are. I would hate to know future generations are accepting an Aeroplane as an Airplane, Colour as Color, Mum as Mom. If we're choosing to read American publications, fine, but they should never forcefully dominate our literary future and the psyche, educational understanding and future prospects for our children.

If the system works now, please don't mess with it,

Many thanks for your time,
regards,
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