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Dear Productivity Commission,

I am gravely concerned about the proposed changes regarding Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation of Books.

I believe that if the changes go ahead this will have a profound effect on Australian children's literature and will be very damaging to emerging authors and illustrators.

I have a personal connection to this issue as I am a young and emerging illustrator myself and only just beginning to branch out into children's literature, which has always been my dream.

These changes would also encourage interest in more mainstream works and discourage interest in new and different works.

These changes would diminish our unique Australian style and make publishing much more generic and less culturally interesting.

Please do not let these changes go ahead, for the future of publishing in Australia.

Kind regards,  
Cat MacInnes.