My name is Bernice Witkowski and I am an aspiring Australian Author of children's picture books.

 $\ensuremath{\text{\textbf{I}}}$ do not agree with the parallel importation of books and support the current legislation.

In an ideal world, my preference is to become an Australian published author with an Australian publisher - not an Australian who has their work published overseas. The proposed changes will make this difficult.

Obviously books will continue to be published regardless, but in my opinion, the parallel importation of books will stifle the emerging literary talent in Australia and leave us as a nation behind - again.

Kind regards

Bernice Witkowski