

## **PARALLEL IMPORTATION OF BOOKS**

### **SUBMISSION.**

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I am a writer. I have two books published by an Australian publisher and an agreement for the publication of a third.

1. The removal of the current copyright arrangements are likely to have significant adverse consequences on the economic viability of the Australian publishing industry, including for authors, printers and publishers.
2. Removable of the current copyright arrangements would allow for the sale of more, cheap remaindered imported books in Australia and this would adversely impact on the sales of Australian published books.
3. The greater the volume of sales of cheap remaindered imported books that would follow the removal of the current copyright arrangements, the greater the adverse impact on the volume of sales of Australian published books.
4. In its study, the Productivity Commission needs to consider the exact impact of the removal of the current copyright arrangements 'to all affected parties' before advocating any changes. It is noted that as things stand, 'more robust and systematic statistical data' is required.
5. In considering its 'new competitive reform agenda' the Productivity Commission needs to take note of the intensions of those countries with the biggest competitors supplying English language books - the USA and the UK - both of which have parallel import restrictions.