

National & State Libraries Australasia

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Parallel Importation of Books
Productivity Commission
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To Commissioner Mike Woods and Commissioner Louise Sylvan,

Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation of Books

National & State Libraries Australasia (NSLA) represents the ten National, State and Territory Libraries of Australia and New Zealand. These libraries connect people to information – across all subjects, in any format and for any purpose.

In 2007-2008:

7.7 million	people visited our libraries;
132 million	people visited our websites;
392 terabytes	of digital collections were stored;
\$26.7 million	was spent purchasing resources for collections;
\$3.9 billion	was the total asset value of our collections; and
\$972 million	was the total asset value of our buildings/sites.

NSLA supports the *Joint Submission of the Australian Digital Alliance, Australian Libraries Copyright Committee and the Australian Library and Information Association* in response to the Productivity Commission Issues Paper on Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation of Books.

Yours sincerely,



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