

Dear Commissioners,

My sister and I wish to express our strong opposition to the possibility of Australia surrendering her territorial copyright to enable the parallel importation of books - cheap or otherwise.

I am still an 'undiscovered' writer but I believe that one day this will not be so. One day an Australian publishing house will take a chance on this unknown, Woodend writer - but only if (a) I persevere and (b) an Australian publishing house still exists. Will I write the Great Australian novel? Who knows. But there are a lot of us out here trying. Please, be mindful of us when you make your recommendations?

Yours sincerely,

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