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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concern at the proposed changes to copyright laws. As a parent, teacher and writer I believe that the removal or reduction of parallel import restrictions will be detrimental to our children.

It is vital for Australian children to develop a love and understanding of Australia's history and culture. Already, we have an abundance of Americanisms and lifestyle images and language bombarding us on television every night of the week. I love and welcome the multicultural aspects of Australia and enjoy the diverse cultures that make up our country, however, I think it is important for Australia to continue having an identity. Do we really want every country in the world to look and sound the same?

My fear is that the removal of parallel imports will take away our heritage and individualism. Cheap, imported books will become the norm and not the high quality of literature that we see published in Australia today.

For the sake of our future generations, please say 'NO' to parallel imports. I want my children calling me 'Mum', not 'Mom.'

Yours sincerely,

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