

Hello,

My name is Nicola Tierney of Carrara, Qld. I would like to protest AGAINST the idea of allowing parallel importation of books into Australia.

I thought the whole idea of a government was to PROTECT its citizens then WHY is this EVEN being considered. It is bad enough that most of the icons, businesses, land and almost every other thing that is held dear to the Australian people have been sold off because of the almighty dollar. How can this government, which I voted for, even think that allowing cheap imported books into this country is good for the people of Australia and especially for the businesses concerned.

The government spouts on about other businesses and the people of Australia spending its money in Australia to ENCOURAGE jobs and yet they seem to be the first one to sack their own people and allow foreign companies to either come here taking all the money back with them or sending their cheap goods here so that it DESTROYS AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSES, thereby JOBS!!!!

This is just as bad as allowing bananas and pineapples into Australia when we have a VERY high quality industry here already. Australia produces a MUCH higher quality produce than is going to be allowed into this country at the DETRIMENT to our own country let alone the possibility of disease. The government is here to PROTECT its citizens NOT destroy them and their livelihoods.

Whether it be bananas, pineapples or books or anything else for that matter it is ludicrous to allow products into this country at the detriment of the citizens of this country. THAT's what the LAST government did and look what happened to them!!!

As one of your employers I forbid this government to allow this to happen.

Also as a future author I want the opportunity to have my books published here in Australia at a cost that can compete with the overseas market. Allowing a flood, which I believe it will be just as history has shown in the past with other products, will increase the cost of the Australian product. This will thereby reduce the demand, thereby threatening the very existence of the businesses and the jobs that people rely on, thereby threatening ME.

I also believe that allowing a larger range of cheap books will also have a detrimental effect on the Australian essence. It will be LOST in a multicultural melting pot no doubt with the USA as the main ingredient. It is BAD ENOUGH that the ways of the USA have invaded our TV, our movies, our music. VERY few films or movies are EVER produced here by Australians with Australians and yet as always WE have proved that when we (the country or industry) are backed up BY the government that the BEST possible world class products are produced and then resold onto the world. Thereby increasing sales and thereby creating MORE jobs NOT LESS!!!

If this decision is allowed to go ahead then it is JUST ANOTHER example of how Australians in general and the Australian government (JUST LIKE THE LAST ONE) are allowing this amazing country to go BACKWARDS!!!!

How can ANYONE sleep straight in their beds while they are making decisions to put people OUT of work and HELPING the Australian country slide down into the mire with the rest of the world. We should and NEED to rise to the top NOT sink with the rest of them.

Thank you  
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