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Dear Commissioners

As both a reader and aspiring author I wish to express my support for continued restrictions on the parallel importation of books.

Abandoning the present copyright laws will impact on future publication of Australian writing, especially in specific interest areas such as local history, as well as disadvantaging low income and aspiring writers, as acknowledged by the Productivity Commission.

The cultural benefits of Australian literature differ significantly to overseas literature, forming one of the basic building blocks of our national identity.

Stories, plays, picture books and non fiction writing all play an integral role in creating a thriving Australian culture. A culture written in the words and dialects of our small but diverse population, against a distinctive and unique Australian landscape.

While it is important that Australians have access to world literature, the significance of the Australian contribution to international writing and ideas should not be overlooked.

Keeping the '30 day' copyright restrictions on the parallel importation of books will help ensure that Australian literature retains a voice, both globally and locally, that all readers can benefit from.

Yours truly

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