

I, from Brandl & Schlesinger, remain opposed to the draft recommendations of the Productivity Commission.

The recommendations would be unworkable and destructive in operation, and are not based on verifiable evidence.

The Productivity Commission's central recommendation — limiting the life of Australian territorial copyright to only 12 months — pretends to retain territorial contract while setting up conditions that would undermine and cripple it and do great harm to all involved in the Australian book industry, including consumers.

It would make it even more difficult for small publishers such as Brandl & Schlesinger, to sustain a literary list and to publish and promote the books of first time Australian authors.

The literary culture of Australia will be considerably diminished.