

I have been a teacher-librarian in the Australian education system for many years and, along with many others, believe it is my professional responsibility to promote and support Australian authors and writing so that our children grow up with an appreciation of the very best in Australian literature.

Rather than foster the "Americanisation" of our young people by allowing the possibility of books being bought simply because of their price tag, we need to ensure that books are bought because of their inherent value to our children, both as readers and as future authors.

It seems that the only outcome of this proposal would be for multi-national publishers and booksellers to feed their shareholders' greed at the expense of Australia's readers and writers.

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