

## **Productivity Commission**

### **SUBMISSION FROM JO SCOTT PUBLISHING**

Jo Scott Publishing remains opposed to the draft recommendations of the Productivity Commission.

The recommendations would be unworkable and destructive in operation, and are not based on hard, 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. This harm includes short term affects such as the closing of Australian companies with consequent redundancies and the long term loss of Australian culture. The slim possibility that price of books might – and only might – be cheaper is completely out of proportion to the dire consequences.

Jo Scott Publishing remains opposed to any form of removal or erosion of the current territorial copyright regime.

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