

Dear Commissioners,

I am only 12 years old but reading and writing are very important to me. In English this year at school we have studied the book 'Somewhere Around the Corner' by Jackie French. Just from reading that book I learnt sooooo much about Australian history and the way things used to be. Not long ago I read 'The Tomorrow Series' by John Marsden. I loved these books, set in the Australian bush and I don't like to think what will happen to books like these if our authors are not protected. I would hate to read Australian books that are full of *Moms* and *diapers*. I love writing and if I grow up to be a writer I hope that I can write about Australia and I hope I can find a publisher who can publish me.

Our books are important and we need to protect them.

Regards,

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