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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern at the proposed lifting of the copyright restrictions in Australia. As a mother, I am concerned that the lifting of the current restrictions will result in the loss of unique Australian language in the books I read to my children. The voices of Australian authors deserve to be heard and preserved for much longer than the 12-month period you suggested in your Discussion Draft. It saddens me to think that we risk losing the gift Australian writers have to give, especially when the Productivity Commission has given no guarantee the reduction in the price of books will be passed on to the consumer.

As an emerging children's author, it is of great concern that the removal of the current importation restrictions will adversely affect my chances of being able to establish myself as a writer. In an industry already difficult to break in to, we risk many more Australian voices remaining unheard. This would be to the detriment of future young Australian readers.

I urge you to retain the current parallel importation restrictions.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Nickerson.