

Parallel Importation of Books
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Dear Mike Woods & Louise Sylvan

Lonely Planet remains opposed to the draft recommendations of the Productivity Commission.

The recommendation fails to deal with the issues raised in our first submission concerning piracy, local partner translated content and the importance of preserving a diverse range of booksellers in this market. 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.

Lonely Planet remains opposed to any form of removal or erosion of the current territorial copyright regime.

Yours sincerely

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