

To the commissioners:

As a published children's author, both in Australia and internationally, and also as Senior Editor at Walker Books Australia, I urge the Commission to reconsider the proposals in your draft report.

As an author, I am particularly concerned with the recommendation allowing the importation of overseas editions of Australian books from twelve months after their publication in Australia and the impact this will have on my ability to derive income from my backlist titles and to develop a career.

As an editor, I am equally concerned with the impact the recommendations will have on maintaining the viability of Australian publishing and fear that my position as editor may also be in jeopardy in the long term.

We have a vibrant publishing culture that produces amazing, high quality Australian Literature. The United States and the UK protect their creators and publishers by not allowing parallel imports. Please protect your Australian creators and publishers in the same way.

Kind regards

Sue Whiting