As a writer of books for children for thirty years, I am disappointed (to put it mildly) at the Commission's decision to allow overseas imprints into our bookshops twelve months after release here.

There's plenty of life in an Australian children's book. As one child grows older, another child grows into the age readership of that book. I've had books published here and overseas. Many Australian publications have been in print for years. One was recently republished in a completely new edition.

Please protect the respected Australian book industry from overseas invasion.

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