Dear Commissioners

I am a full time Australian children's author. I have also been a classroom primary school teacher, a national book seller and in the past few years I have also spent time promoting our wonderful Australian children's books in an ambassadorial role.

Much has already been written by my industry colleagues about the changes proposed so I simply want to reiterate that if copyright is altered then I fear that our Australian stories will not be told.

We need to support our Australian Creators and Australian Publishers and our Australian Culture.

Australian children need to grow up with Australian stories that tell of places they know, in a language they know. This is our culture and our identity!

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