

I am a writer and wish to state that I fully support the Australian Society of Authors' statement regarding the Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation of Books. I strongly oppose the changes proposed by this government as I believe the parallel importation of books, which would open the door to cheap imports, would (among other things) reduce Australian authors' incomes drastically. Most authors still earn royalties on their back list. The proposed changes would stop this.

While the idea of more reasonably-priced books sounds very enticing, the repercussions would not only affect authors but also the publishing houses.

We have very few Australian publishers, and if this proposal is passed, we could lose most of those.

Furthermore, even given that the prices of books might fall for the retailer, there is no guarantee that the saving on the cost of books will be passed on the consumer.

Sincerely,

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