

This is a personal submission. I am concerned by the draft recommendations of the Productivity Commission on this matter. I believe that the current regulations on parallel importation give the consumer sufficient access to alternative editions if necessary to meet expectations. The recommendations are not based on hard, verifiable evidence of failure for the consumer in the present regime. 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 seriously undermine the Australian publishing and book industry. I do not think this has been given sufficient research or concern.

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