

Dear Members of the Productivity Commission,

Recently I received an email from Dymocks to sign a petition to help "make books cheaper" for us, the consumers in Australia.

I would just like to make a small comment in relation to the parallel importation of books. I am not sure if this restriction is the cause of particularly more expensive books in Australia, compared to places like the UK and the USA, but as a consumer I am always looking for the best value books, whether that be from here or overseas. As much as I would like to support the local market, the difference in price for purchasing books here versus purchasing books from international online stores is just too vast.

I am about to place an order from Amazon UK, purchasing six English Language books, costing me around \$AUD330 inclusive of delivery. For me to purchase these same books here in Australia would cost me at best \$500. Which one do you think most consumers would choose? How can I support our local market when it's so expensive to buy books here? I hope that in the near future I'll be able to make book purchases here in Australia at reasonable prices.

Yours sincerely,
Jacqueline Yen.