

Dear Sir/ Madam

I hope you will accept this late submission.

I am great lover of books and choose carefully before buying because of the cost. But I am opposed to lifting Australian territory copyright because I am an author. I know first hand how difficult it is to be published in this country and what a talented group of writers Australia has. I have been published by a small Melbourne company that produce innovative books for schools. The percentage I earn from my books is minimal and I'm one of the lucky few to even be published. I know first hand the tight budget small publishers and booksellers run on and that they could not possibly compete with big retailers like Dymocks, Coles etc. As a Queenslander it gives me great joy to see the growing group of Queensland writers who are finally telling stories- ours. Large booksellers do not cater for the kind of books that I read- those from Riverbend Books or Avid Reader. Australian publishers don't need any more economic pressure placed on them to run a business. Australian authors whose annual wage is \$5000 or much less don't need a publishing industry that cannot afford to publish our stories.

Yours faithfully

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