

Intellectual Property Arrangements
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Save the Children is a charity. I have actually organised two books that have raised over AU\$250,000 for them. Charities like Save the Children rely on contributions from the public to keep them working around the world.

I am an author and an illustrator. I am not a charity.

This is my sole form of income and as my work is published and sold in many countries around the world. So I am bringing money into Australia and thus contributing to our economy.

My artwork is pirated in several countries. When I find it, I try to stop it and often it does, but other times my request is ignored or the pirate simply uses a different sales route. I do not need this to be made easier for anyone. 'Fair Use' is piracy in disguise and piracy is a trendy word for theft, which is generally accepted to be a bad thing.

I think the producers of copyrighted work should be the main people who should be consulted. Unlike those attempting to create this legislation, we do not have nice safe employer funded pensions to rely on.

Yours faithfully -

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