

June 1, 2016

The Submission to the Productivity Commission Draft Report (April 2016) – Intellectual Property Arrangements

Dear Madams/Sirs,

Re. Changes to Intellectual Property Arrangements: Lifting restrictions on parallel importation

I'm a graduate (BSc) entering postgraduate study and I have a passion for science writing and fiction reading. I hereby express my opposition to lifting restrictions on parallel importation. The rationale for this stance has perhaps been detailed more effectively than I could myself in the submissions of Wendy Orr, Markus Zusak and Pat Lowe.

I believe that a country strong in science, technology and the arts is on a trajectory to a better future. I believe that lifting the restrictions will be deleterious to the Australian publishing industry, which will in turn have widespread negative impacts on many facets of the unique Australian identity which is described, enhanced and shared through the written word by wonderful Australian authors. I want the industry strong because so I can enjoy quality Australian writing for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Leanne Bridges