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Parallel Importation of Books  
Productivity Commission  
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To Commissioner Mike Woods and Commissioner Louise Sylvan,

Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation of Books

National & State Libraries Australasia (NSLA) represents the ten National, State and Territory Libraries of Australia and New Zealand. These libraries connect people to information – across all subjects, in any format and for any purpose.

In 2007-2008:

- 7.7 million people visited our libraries;
- 132 million people visited our websites;
- 392 terabytes of digital collections were stored;
- $26.7 million was spent purchasing resources for collections;
- $3.9 billion was the total asset value of our collections; and
- $972 million was the total asset value of our buildings/sites.

NSLA supports the Joint Submission of the Australian Digital Alliance, Australian Libraries Copyright Committee and the Australian Library and Information Association in response to the Productivity Commission Issues Paper on Copyright Restrictions on the Parallel Importation of Books.

Yours sincerely,

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