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Productivity Commission
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Dear Members of the Commission,

I am at present and have been for the past five years, writing Australian history for Australian young people. My last two books, *Angels of Kokoda* (Lothian 2006), with a foreword by the then Governor General Major General Michael Jeffery and *Heroes of Tobruk* (Scholastic 2008) with a foreword by the then Chief of Army Lieutenant General Peter Leahy, present readable Australian history as seen through Australian eyes and described using Australian words and Australian humour.

We are not part of the UK nor are we a US state but allowing parallel imports is tantamount to allowing the Union Jack to remain in the corner of our flag or trying to work out the configuration of fifty-one stars when we become part of the US.

Parallel imports may bring in cheaper books for a while – I'll repeat that – for a while, but it will destroy our publishers, and worst of all, give no incentive to our writers.

Feel free to contact me at any time,

Yours,

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