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The Manager
Parallel Importation of Books
Productivity Commission
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Parallel Importation of Books

Please consider Australian authors, illustrators and publishers!

Please do not 'sell out' the Australian publishing industry. Please do not surrender Australian copyright.

The Australian Publishing Industry needs protecting. With the smaller population in Australia, the publishing industry is smaller than in countries like UK, USA and Canada.

Lifting the restrictions on the parallel importation of books may have the potential to harm the Australian publishing industry to the detriment of Australian authors, illustrators and publishers.

May your decisions protect Australian authors, illustrators and publishers.

Yours faithfully

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