Queensland Writers Centre rejects Parallel Imports

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Queensland Writers Centre (QWC) does not support the removal of copyright restrictions on parallel importation of books.

QWC believes it will be harmful to Australian authors and local content.

You can read our submission to the Productivity Commission here:
http://www.pc.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0003/85746/sub219.pdf

QWC are working through a number of channels to address this issue.

We also support the efforts of the Australian Society of Authors, Australian Publishers Association and Australian Booksellers Association to achieve a more reasonable outcome for our industry.

You, too, can help.

To learn more about how authors are affected by this issue, we encourage you to read the information on the Australian Society of Author's website.

To take action against the report or find out how you can support the cause, visit Ausbooks or the Australian Society of Authors.

Queensland Writers Centre encourages networking, connection, and creativity through the art and business of writing. Through its annual program and special initiatives, QWC promotes skills development and professional practice, and works to advance the recognition of Queensland writers and writing throughout Australia and the world.

QWC is a not-for-profit organisation with more than 2,300 members, and is the publisher of *The Australian Writer's Marketplace* – Australia's leading directory of the writing and publishing industry.

QWC CEO Kate Eltham is available to interview.

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