

Firstname	Surname	Comment
Judith	Fraser	
Sandra	Robotis	
Milva	Salzano	
Janet	Amy-lowe	
Ken	Bethell	Anything which reduces the price of books, suits me. Go for it.
Elizabeth	Lambert	
Marianne	Starz	I love reading books, but the current prices force me, to go to a book exchange. Yes, I would welcome a reduction of the costs of imported & local books. I would also like to see that books published (in either hard back or soft back) overseas be available immediately in Australia rather than up to 3 years delay ... I have yet to be convinced as to why there are always delays.
Peter	Ryan	
Lindy	Hunt	I am a book lover and I also collect Science Fiction and Fantasy material and new material of these genre are difficult to get and seem to take months to get to Australia as the majority of this type of material is from the U.S.A. I urge you to consider this petition.
Lisa	Slade	
Tegan	Kinney	We need to have books that are affordable. If not we buy them from overseas outlets! This is not good for Australia.
Penelope	Zylstra	
Michelle	Malouf	
Jennifer	Zaghet	
Ken	Manson	
Peter	Dalton	
Lucinda	Gabriel	
Katrina	Bell	
Caryn	Parker	
George	Troynar	
Robyn	Nowell	
Lucy	Bushell	Books are ridiculously expensive. Any measure that would reduce the price would be much appreciate since, with my pension, I cannot always afford the books that I would like to read.
Russell	Kippax	Some things in life should be easily accessable due to their indesputable positive effects. Books are at the top of the list.
Penny	Thyne	
Doreen	Keiller	
Anita	Gilham	
Lisa	Evans	
Tasha	Lademann	
Kim	Ferguson	
Mary	Blood	
Denise	Millar	
Caseii	Green	
Charmaine	Hopper	
Kirsten	Petersen	
Razi	Azmi	
Meredith	Jenner	
Jasmine	Emanuel	
Gemma	Kay	
Janet	Condon	
Karen	Lawson	
Keryin	Hutchison	Why should books be treated differently to other items?
Amanda	Huang	
Michael	Campbell	
Kim	Eversden	
Jasmin	Wass	
Bianca	Koksal	What's being done here is AMAZING... I so want cheaper books

Elaine Lam
Adam Hudson
Guy Manera
Iny Walker
Lyndel Sprigg
Elaine Hodgson
Sue Gauci

Australia needs to be a smart country, to lead the way, show the rest what we are made of, buying books should not be prohibitive. Encourage us to become more knowledgeable not hinder us, there are many places our dollars can go, dont let books become more expensive.

Ann Symons
Mary-anne Williams
Simon Inwards
Mary Lane
Sarah Atkinson
Barbara Cullen
Andrew Mason
Helen Cawood
Hannah Jones

i totally support the peition, i too would love to get more books imported from the US
God bless

Amanda Swire Joseph
Aleta Harper
Marie Norris
David Lilburne
Jennifer Godfrey
Kylie Woods

Any action that reduces the price of books is a positive move. New books on Ebay & Amazon (to name just 2 examples) are often 50% cheaper than the same book in Melbourne bookshops.

Garry Crosby
Hayley Peoples
Anna Bower

Good on you Dymocks for campaigning to cheapen books- they are, after all, the very best way to escape the irritation of the recession!!!

Michelle Ellis
Lilian Cartwright
Kathryn Warren
James Tini - Joseph
Kaye Alksne

It's about time. Books should ne available to everyone!

Leonie Annan
James Burke
Adrienne Angelo
Lindsay Caffin
Hien Dang
Leonie Kouvaras
Dean Pane

In this day of electronic communication I think that it is even more important than ever that books remain as cheap as possible. Higher prices mean that some in the community lose their access to books. Books, the written word, English Grammar and Language, other Languges need to be enjoyed and appreciated by everyone. We all deserve to experience the joy of owning a beautiful book.

Justine Avenell
Jennifer Nguyen
Sharon Prinsen
Robyn Vincent
Les Harris
Charlotte Wallace
Savina Lee

I love reading, and love owning the books myself, but it's too expensive to buy them all the time.

Just lower the price!!

Barbara Wall
Charlotte Mitchell
R Tomaino
Maria Patrick
Madonna McMahan

I often order books from the UK and get family to bring them over or have them posted. I feel that Australian's pay far too much for books which are not a luxury item !

Kate White
Jaana Jarrad
Ian Bootland
Linda Lanyon
Kaylene ONeill
Helen Che
Marek Prachar
Aphrodite Al Zaghal
Zidi Zhang
Philip Young
Caroline Murphy
Alicia Slade
Wendy Hoang
Jaskaran Singh
James Tobin
Andrew Osborne
Linda Shaw
Mark Podgorski
Nancy Mayberry
Leroy Smith
Sue Gardiner

will benefit book buyers

People need access to cheap, good quality books to improve our literacy levels!

Deirdre Hefferman
Sue Gardiner

Having arrived from Ireland (considered relatively expensive compared with the US and UK) a couple of years ago I was shocked at the cost of books in Australia. Books are not a product or a commodity- access to books should be a right for all- they should be affordable and not considered a luxury.

Gillian Napoli
Leonie Hancock
Sally McQuinn
Alexandra Wright
Esther Pozzebon

Books used to be great value for money. I am in a book club and am finding it difficult to purchase our monthly books, particularly when the normal size paperback edition is not available. I am then forced to pay even more money for a larger, hard covered in some cases, book which does not fit in my book shelf. Books are no longer value for money and readily available to all Australians. And there are not enough copies of books in local libraries to meet the demands of the public. There is now a vicious cycle, whereby people rely more on libraries for their reading material and have to wait extended periods of time due to the wait list on a book, because they can no longer afford to purchase a book.

Patricia Leary
Melvyn Jones
Matthew Huxley
Juliet Reynolds
Brian Moody
Nathan Charles
Alexander Coupe
Adriana Della Franca
Joan & Wal Costanzo

Books should definitely be more affordable. This would help middle to low income earners and pensioners benefit more from book reading.

Nicole Scriva
Marlene Copp
Katrina Willis
Heidi Locke
Andrea Somerfield

Although I prefer to support local book stores, I am sometimes forced to purchase from Amazon online book store as the books can be MUCH cheaper. It is imperative that books are accessible to all and in the current times of recession, it is madness to keep the inflated book prices that often exist in Australia.

Sue Robson
Deborrah Le Henderson

Rebecca Koch
Bonney Dieperink

Luke Rewell
Brad Thomson

Claire Shanks
Shane Reilkly

Jin Cheng
Jacky Hui

Nicole Lew
Marianne Ross

Nicholas Maiden
Robert Kaldor-Bull

Nick Fernie
Kylie Tuohey

Ingrid stubis
Nicola Ginger

Warren Pointon
Jesse Donnarumma

Debra Graham
Heather Chong

Leisa Sinclair
Suzi Kladis

Jackie Cooper
Phuong Nguyen

Michele Elborough
Rosemary Partridge

Joyce Patterson
Imogen King

Margaret Gullefer
Craig Reynolds

Joanna Turner
Man Ja Lee

Kathryn Strauts
Christine Grainger

Lesley Xerri
Susan Borel

Erin Fraser

educational books should be made cheaper to students

Even the UK have cheaper books.

it would be great if books were at least half the price they currently are

I import books, and buy from Amazon anyway! I would much rather support Australian business!

Lana Corry

Louise Lennox

Chelsea Kaputin

Darlene Petelo

Shannon Jamieson

Sheree Jacobs

Sheryl Facey

Camille Laker

Jennifer Wright
Sarah Reid
Antonio Di Petta
Danielle Clarke
Leanne Stootman
Simon Walsh
Kylie Chan
Alex Cheng

Thank you for providing us the opportunity to get cheaper books in Australia

Christine Waller
Penelope Ferrall
Christopher Hall
Magdeline Lum
jill PHARO
Wayne Bentley
John Pryor
Valerie Muller
Kelly Summers
Renee Moynihan
Anna Offler
Frances Tambasco
Joycelyn Siew
Nicole Vlagic
Sandi Wright
Penny O'Connor
Margaret Yuilll
Bianca Benjamin
Pauline Gater
Samuel Delany

Reading a book is one of life's pleasures - anything to make the price of a book cheaper and allow more people access to books can only be a good thing. Good Luck.

Rita Flynn
Sharon Honicke
Joanna Lau
Patrick Wenholz
Sarah Edwards
Chitwan Singhal
Brian Mathews
Lisa Train
Brian Mathews
Sarah Scott
Kay Kernchen
Peter Clark
Desmond Kenter
Richard Thomas
Shayna Jones
Natalie Romanov
Susan Renner
Lyn Trenwith
Christine ellis
Cynthia Anderson
Simon O`Reilly

While normally I feel protective of Australian industry and business, I think we should have access to a less expensive product in this case. Australia is not as deeply dependant on this area as it is others.

Yanty Sajuti
Danica Collins

I think people will have problems buying expensive books due to economic crisis. Thus, reading habits may be discouraged further. What will happen to this country if people stop reading??

Huong	Tran
Pamela	Vincent
Ashlea	Roach
Julie	Tsung
I wish my na	I wish my name to be removed
Edith	Jelinek
Helen	Parkinson
Dianne	Christie
Gabbie	Russell
Charmaine	Atwell
Cassie	Gleeson
Natasha	D'Souza
Kate	Banasik
Sandra	Gibb
Derry	Barber
Erin	Kuschert
Abi	Murray
Maria	Que
Haley	Holloway
Emily	Williams
Tryphena	Simons
David	Mcleish
Raine	Graham
Melissa	Ball

You have my address wrong. It is 86 High Street, Willoughby NSW 2068

I haven't bought a single book since in AU, opting instead for libraries due to the prohibitive cost of books. Whilst in Canada, I bought a book a week on average at \$9.99, but I will NEVER pay \$21 for a paperback. No matter how much I want to read it and this only on principle. If you makes book cheaper, I will buy them!

Patricia	Kack
Janelle	Chan

Reading is an integral part of learning and anything which improves our knowledge should be available to everyone. Therefore books must be affordable for everyone.

Cindy	Wakelin
Karen	Rossington
Amelia	Fuller
Craig	Dunn
Bill	Reda
Kay	Abrahams
Deborah	Beaumont
Catherine	Clarke
Jaye	Attwood
Electra	Stojanovic
Alicia	Park
Allan	Stewart
Alan	Gabriel
Nathalie	Sousa
Phyllis	Kailis
Carla	La Bozzetta
Lyn	Marks
Lavin	Mills
Michelle	Francis

Books should be affordable for everyone, the only way this is possible is if books are cheaper than they are now!!!!

Karin	Mapperson
Samantha	Knott
Robyn	Mills
Barbara	Meiklejohn
Timothy	Bullock

Alice Sonter
Kerrie-Ann Pental
Karen russell
Melissa Savill
Maheshini Weerackoon
Lorna Mellor
Christine Prins
Stuart Murray
Terri - Jean Garrigan
Mariam Sed
Emmanuel Roumanis
Melissa Williams

I support the unfettered importaion of books into Australia, excepting those that would violate our censorship laws.

Ken Chant
Melissa Chan
Mhairi Bensted
Russell Tangey
Andrea Jenkins
Sharon Brown
Cally Sibley
Josephine Barna
Christine Materne
Katie Nightingae
Louise Parsons
Vanessa O'Reilly
Karen Tookey
Pauline Underwood
Vicki Dowd
Sally Burke
Sarah Lewis
Annette Padman
Jezelle Boughaleb
Meheru Bradberry
Amy Martin
Anthony Jarr Vento
Polly Delany
Kelly Francis

n/a

I an age of increasing use of technology, anything that can help in the increased use of books can only be a good thing.

Ruth Phillips
Sarah Warren

Therese Houbart
Caroline De Montfort
Jen Barbour
Robert O'Bryan

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO GET CHEAPER IMPORTED BOOKS IN AUSTRALIA

Nadia Taylor
Terella Rosen

Failure to remove the restrictions on book importation will affect those members of society who can least afford to lose access to knowledge.

Kristine Beasley
Jennifer Pitman
Sharon Boonaerts
Stephen Ethell
Diana Forster
Judy Hudson
Carolyn West

Restrictions prevent Australians from easier access to some very good books, particularly in non-fiction. Why should we have to spend our money overseas if we want to access these books?

Laura	Minchella	Cheaper books for all!
Shanna	Teng	
Marilyn	Tofler	
Danielle	Hodge	
Jim	MacDougall	
Sandra	Hails	
Timothy	Herlihy	I believe these restrictions are a restraint on trade as Australians are paying too much for books. Books are the only window to the world for many, many people. Not everyone is computer literate and, in many cases it is not possible, either financially or through distance, to access the internet. Therefore inexpensive books are vital for mental wellbeing.
Fay	Bradshaw	
Alison	Jospeh	I am an avid reader and support the campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.
Janet	Burne	
Emma	Calgaro	
Natasha	Ellis	
Jessie	Song	
Ann	Penstone	
Katharin	Jenei-Pinter	
Paul	Baker	
Jessica	Skeen	
Judyann	Miles	
Molly	Hall	
Brodie	Evitts	
Carolyn	Hawley	
Justine	Blood-Scott	
Elizabeth	Adamson	Would love to see book prices come down. Would (hopefully) be able to buy two books instead of one at a time. E
Anie	Greig	make book prices inline with other imported goods such as cds and dvds
Sylvia Anne	Clarke	Having an artificially priced/maintained market inside Australia makes no sense when purchasers can go on-line and order books from overseas sellers and have them delivered for cheaper than what Australian bookstores (with Australian staff) can sell them for. I cannot see how this "protects" Australian writers, and why we should be "protecting" overseas writers (who are subject to open markets at home) I am at a loss to explain.
Fiona	Carroll	
Maureen	Laba Sarkis	
Patricia	Hammond	
Dishanthi	Jayathilleke	
Cassandra	Brew	
Casey	Fogarty	
Andrew	Smolka	Cheaper books should encourage wider readership among younger population, especially students.
Linh	Hong	
Denise	Bilby	
Simarjot	Kaur	
David	Jacobs	
Amelia	Yocelin	
Fiona	Pullen	
Sarah	Laurie	
Madeleine	Cronin	
Adele	Wardrop	
Karen	Rau	
Peter	Mcleod	Protectionism is bad.
Alison	Luxton	
Susan	Slape	

Lesia Campbell
Michelle Cordera
Deanne Golledge
Eunica Liu
Wendy Dong
Charmaine Michael
Nola Frost
Krystian Ji
Christine Birdsall

Books are my pleasure and education. We have the right to read and if it helps us to support Australian businesses then so be it .

Sandra Knight
Hannah Dorfmeister
Michelle Thompson
Jennifer Lesl Warland
Helen Sabell
Anne Tunstall

So long as the cheaper books are also available in hardcovers. Thank you.

anna fairley
Rachel Koldej
Chantel Pearson
neil Tunstall
Manfred Ebert
Patricia Darcy
elizabeth Tunstall
Sandra Hype
Jensyn Luc
Sarah Thomson
Dianne Hardisty
Anne Tunstall
Jay Pronk
Jessica Cooper
Gabriel Mcilroy
Barbara Ord
Perry Woodward
Ashlea Carvel
Stuart Proposch
Samantha Sile
Sophie Yaldwyn
Teresa Montague
Morgan Mansell
Kent Minchinton
Stuart Harris
Wendy Powers
Craig Rogers
Debora Rigano
Julie Dawe
Mary Bates
Zoe Walter

This has been a long time coming and better late than never. Access to international standard literature and non-fiction for as many people as possible is part of the way we can not end up becoming the intellectual "poor relations" globally.

books are so expensive even for just the small ones its ridiculous

Maree Babis
Maria Grech
Alison Campbell

If books did become cheaper it would be fantastic it means that for some people that can normally not afford to purchase a book could then do so. Especially for our younger generation the more reading children are doing they are learning and becoming better readers. If the books are more reasonable priced to purchase i am positive that more people would buy books of all ages.

Lorraine	Marsden	I support this petition
		As the world wrests with the ebook revolution and the inability to teach our children to be PROPERLY literate through the education system, there has never been a more critical time to make books more available and affordable. Otherwise we will lose, not only the ability to read intelligently, but also the wherewithal. Gerry Brady
Gerard	Brady	
Maria Fernar	Gonzalez De La Vega	
Yvette	Studdock	
Diane	Reynolds	
Terry	Schroeder	
Cheryl	Elliffe	
		I would buy more books in Australia if the prices were more competitive with offshore suppliers.
Jeffrey	Clarkson	
Scott	Gowers	
Natalie	Suarez	
Kate	Kelland	
		Go Dymocks, It would make reading affordable for more Australians if books were cheaper.
Anna	Klock	
Amanda	Tovell	
Afsana	Amini	
		People just get their books via the internet anyway if they can't find it at the right price here
Karen	Workman	
Joanna	Prodromou	
David	Issa	
Elizabeth	Butler	Not today
Casey	Borlase	
John	Oldfield	
Darren	Cox	
Lynda	Lu	
Glenda	Riley	
Lindy	Ross	
Rachel	Godbee	
Stephen	Courtenay	
Deirdre	Harris	
Rhonda	Bader	
Samantha	Smith	
Catherine	Pozzi	
David	Auricht	
Anna	Tasovac	
Jill	Adams	
Nguyet	Nguyen	
Chris	Bride	
David	Midson	
Cheryl	Warnock	
Sheila	Watkins	
Renee	Hewerdine	
Christine	Hall	
Franczesca	Trouchet	
Colette	Desvaux	
Anthony	Hill	
Des	Mangan	
Adrian	Holness	
Richard	Moore	
Jane	Plaice	
Nola	D"Souza	
Maggie	Xu	
Pia	Lehtonen-davies	how about removing tax from books to make them cheaper!

Deborah	Miller	<p>These restrictions seem ridiculous when individually we can purchase on the internet from overseas, have the books posted, and still be \$10 - \$15 better off per book. Books are incredibly expensive, especially in this recession and many people view books as a luxury as their income is diverted by more pressing needs such as rent, mortgages, bills, etc. Books should be more affordable so that those on lower incomes can afford them.</p> <p>I support this idea of cheaper books into Australia. Hopefully this won't affect our printing industry in Australia Lexie Aberline</p> <p>It should not become more expensive to learn, and expand the mind, please keep books cheaper.</p> <p>I would love to buy more books but unfortunately the price does stop me indulging myself.</p> <p>I regularly buy books from Amazon because they are much cheaper even with the exchange rate and postage</p> <p>It is so important for people to have access to cheaper books so that they can then afford to keep reading, especially for children and especially in this electronic age, being able to read and read well and enjoy reading is SO important!</p> <p>Of course cheaper books is a fantastic idea! Families who have small children and a small income don't have to let their kids miss out on bedtime stories! A child's imagination should be nurtured!</p> <p>To move ahead Australia and help our people learn, we need to lower the price of books.</p> <p>Imported text books have always been expensive .</p> <p>Not everyone has access to the internet to explore the world of words. Nor is it enjoyable to spend hours in front of a computer compared to the hours of pleasure in 'breaking in' the spine of a new book. If books were cheaper I would definitely spend more money on buying an author's entire collection eg. J.D. Robb's detective series, instead of rationing myself to just one or two books by the same author in a particular genre. Everybody wins - the reader, the author, publisher, retailers etc. Being a booklover, I would spend more money to buy more books in all the genres that interest me instead of rationing myself.</p> <p>It's always nice to save where we can. Thank you for making the said submission.</p>
Minh	Tran	
Lexie	Aberline	
Susan	Lees	
Michelle	Hind	
Chi Fai	Tsang	
Annie	Shih	
Catrina	Ciszewski	
Tom	McGorm	
Danielle	Woolhead	
Allison	Storey	<p>Sandra Cooling</p>
Feifei	Huang	
Amanda	Watson	
Anthony	Laven	
Delia	Matthews	
Vanessa	Virgato	
Katherine	Archer	
Narelle	Sheeziel	
Clare	Markwick	
Kiat Cheng	Soh	
Mary	Maud	
John	Yeo	<p>Sandra Cooling</p>
Terry	Clarke	
Jeannine	Goddard	
Keith	Parker	
Anthony	Madigan	
Vicky	Eglinton	
Lenia	Tapas	
Gary	Cohen	
Clare	Daly	
Sally	Gooch	
Pam	Ryan	
Sandra Anne	Cooling	<p>Sandra Cooling</p>
Hannah	Heidke	

Nicole Martino
Jun Kendrick
Janeice Douglas

I read so many books and like keeping the greats and adding to my library - I will be less inclined to buy several at a time if the price goes up and would probably only buy one - please reconsider.

Shayne Murray
Kristine Newsome
Gina Roberts
Crista Burbidge
Joanne Fraser
Susan Granthan

Easy availability of books is an important part of Australia being a democracy with freedom of expression.

Norman Fary
Peter Johnson
Susan Wallman
David Kursar
Sarah Mitchell
Ray Powers
Kevin Lennox
Ann Bryce
Caitlin Smith
Richard Kelleher

Anything for cheaper books.

Yes, I have on occasion bought second hand books which have obviously originated in the US and note that the price they pay for books is considerably cheaper than we do, and that is after I have converted from USD to AUD. I don't see why we cannot have the same privilege - I know that were the price to come down, as a real book lover, I would buy more books - it would actually result in more profit for the author, the publisher, the printer(?) and that could only be a good thing!!!

Angela Somerville
Carolyn Reynolds
Durre Shahwar
Casey Waters
Erin Sparkes
Marilyn Piras
Susan Wise
Joanne Armstrong
Hanna Sabic
Casey Waters
Carol Emerton
Natvatoong Tungwongchai
Stacey Kannis
Abhi Chitkara
Khadijah Hansia
James Young
Helen Weedon
Thanh Huynh
Rebecca Thomas
Marlene Sampson
Bette Ireland
Pam Madden
Malcolm Holden
Simeon Spargo
Dianne Dixon
Sandra Phillips

No comment at this stage

Restricting the availability of books and all literature in Australia is taking a backward step in improving the literacy of the Australian Public. Literacy and reading skills need to be encouraged not discouraged. By delaying the availability of books by 12 months, many people are likely to purchase overseas via the internet and therefore take away from trade within Australia.

Lee van Dongen
Gary Page
Sarah John
Patricia Dennis
Kate White

Books should be accessible to all and at their current price this is not the case specially in the case of children's books. They should be cheap enough for all to buy and encourage children to read.

Pam Hilditch
Fiona Wicks
Paul Robinson
Rebecca Bell
Phillipa McGavock
Karri Hartley
Justine Richmond
John O'Loughlin
Robin Smith

Hopefully it will mean that Australia will also have access to greater range of titles as well as cheaper prices.

Michelle Feeney
Angela Paton
Kasey Thompson
Emma Nobrega
Joanne Eggleton
Mirela Mercea
Diane Pomeroy
Tasmeen Ahmad
Jacquie Trinh
Rick Fiedler
Lynn Mills
Andrea Mallett

Remove restrictions to enable all Australians the opportunity to read and get pleasure from books. Cheaper books will provide more opportunities for people to remain employed and to employ others.

Maxine Hanlin
Sonia Winders
Claire Hansen
Wendy Mccracken
Phillip Tinetti
Kim Gorey
Yvonne Webb
Russell Fitch
Angela Griss

I'm only 14 years old and it's hard for me to find books that are cheap. I really enjoy reading books and some books I would like to buy are very expensive. Everytime i go to Dymocks, I can't buy anything there because i don't have enough money for it. If the government would please help me and all of the other booklovers who want to find cheaper books, that would be a great pleasure.

Lynne Nguyen

Reading is important and should be encouraged!! Currently to buy a novel it is about \$32!! Crazy!! We need access to cheaper books!!!!

Lisa Collins
Nora Babikian
Tamara Smith
Glenys Murphy
Sarah Yong

Carol	Burns	Cheaper books can turn into greater volume turnover which means more books are out in the community being read - potential for increased literacy. We also buy secondhand to increase our access to book titles at more competitive rates. A lot of people I know are purchasing books from Amazon.com to get the latest books sooner and cheaper than by buying books from local Australian retailers. It would be better to allow Australian businesses to compete rather than make them redundant.
Janet	Mengel	This is long overdue and has my full support.
Peter	Hopkins	
Aline	Bonifazzi	
Karen	Allan	
Hayley	Ford	
Carolyn	Reed	
Alison	Craig	
Susan	Hargreaves	
Millagros	Delgado	
Dagmar	Parsons	
Valerie	Roche	
Barry	Baker	
Trevar	Langlands	
John	Clinton	
Tasoula	Metaxas	
Luke	Baker	
Natalie	Bolton	
Pam	Baker	
Christine	Woods	
Riley	Schmidt	
Rachelle	Meuse	
John	Manson	Would love the opportunity to purchase new books rather than rely on second hand stores.
Simon	Tarbett	
Susan	Turner	
Tiiu	Knight	
Kathryn	Baker	we have the right To be able to have the choice of cheaper books
Claire	Hill	
Karen	Condon	The availability of cheaper book can only aid in the literacy standards of the nation.
Nerida	King	
Nasser	Al-hHamimi	
Annette	Dunn	Books should be affordable for everyone. The price of books these days are unaffordable to a lot of people. The price of even a paperback novel these days is sometimes almost \$40. Is it any wonder people are going online and buying from other countries. I would buy a lot more books if they were a reasonable price.
Tenelle	Wilks	
Brooke	Gorman	
Angela	Henschke	
Kylie	Scott	
Jason	Hewlett	
Michelle	Prinsen	
Meredith	Robinson	
Catherine	Heyn	
Warren	Lee	
Anne	Chidgey	
Marcel	Berkhout	
Denise	Manson	Surely literacy is still important. I have two teenage children who I would love to buy more books for, but often the cost is prohibitive.

Bettina Walter
Monica Ronchese
Siobhan McGonigal
Tristan Marshall
Nicholas Horne
Alan Egan
Faye Spagnuolo

Julie Rushton

books are such a valuable resource that cheaper costs would allow home libraries to increase and the love of reading developed.

Reading is an essential skill and pastime for people. The best way to encourage people to read is to ensure that the price of books are at the lowest possible prices. There is no reason for the distribution of books to continue to be imported only through Australian subsidiaries or agents of overseas publishers. By eliminating the middleman, the opportunity for cheaper books will arise. Let's take that opportunity.

Karl Sims
Kirstie D'Souza
Gay Hodgskin
Kylie Roe

My bank account can assure you it worked for the CD market, so why not books as well? Movies would be the next step on the path, to complete my entertainment triumvirate.

Craig Andrews
Kathryn Stapleton
Kathleen Johnston
Steven Hein: Zabel

It's about time we had the monopoly removed! Hooray, keep up the good work. In Australia our books are far too expensive and any method to make books cheaper and more accessible to readers would be welcome.

Deanna Malani
Kate Newland
Margaret Graney
Priscillia Girling

Phillip Knight
Andrea Fyfe
Colleen Cooper
Sarah Lukeman
Jessica Lenney
Branka Bauk
Sylvia Christiansen
Prudence Hodge
Margaret Cox
Ameeta Harbhajan Singh
Titi Heryanti Robinson
Anita Bekavac
Joelene Terrill
Shelley Stewart
Elaine Sampaga
David Shaw
James Douglas
Monica Majumder
Elizabeth Shaw
Susan Brander
Nathan McDowall

I think the restrictions should be in place for the 12 months. We all like cheaper goods but no need to swamp the market with imported goods as soon as released.

Cherie Sommerville
Kathy Wells
Dianne Ayers

We need to be able to access books that are cheaper to encourage more parents to buy quality products for their children, hence encouraging children to read and learn more.

Melissa Matthews

Having more reasonably priced books would reduce the purchasing of books from overseas internet sites and thus more people would support our local booksellers.

Patricia Cabezas
Harry Wooster
Kerry Woods
Pacita Breva
Renee Quinn

The current restrictions amount to a restraint on education and advancement of learning.

Michael Roberts
Valerie Parker
Denise Wedge
Dale Robins
Judith Mears
Barbara Yeoh
Pam Theunens
Amanda Langridge
Helen Claridge
Anthea Kotyla
Tania Gurieff
Norma Mccarthy
Ryan Chapple
Grant Lequesne
Kate Thompson
Ming Wang

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Currently, it's significantly cheaper for me to buy books online that it is to buy them in Australia. if it were only a little more expensive in Australia, I'd buy more books in Australia as the convenience of browsing through a book store cannot be replicated online. Till that happens though, I'll continue most of my book shopping online.

Euan Buchanan
David Brassington
Rose Jansse
Liz O'Toole

Gae Evershed

I am intrigued the Austalian Govt will allow cheaper CDs into Australia but not books. I think the petition should be lifted as it is a discriminatory act against books. The price of books in Australia is unaffordable. I read for personal pleasure as well as for professional interest and currently rarely purchase from AUstralian booksellers because the prices are uncompetitive. I would prefer to buy from Australian businesses but at the moment Amazon wins!

Lea Symonds
Carolyn Mash
Joseph Raine
David Beer
Annalisa Feleppa
Amanda Looby
Katharina Surikov
Carolyn Mcginty
Alison Devenish
Rhonda Fenton
Nina Buckley
Chris Capon
Colin Barlow
Tamika Crosbie
Naomi Kendell
Megan Gordon
Heather Rankin
Louise Barlow

It's a free market, let it be free.

Kristie	Cubbin	UNLESS it means that Australian publishers and writers will be undercut and lose money.
David	Cox	
Jackie	Frogley	
Anna	Lane	
Karen	Williams	Why do your book cosy soo much - when I cane get them 35% cheeper at Big W - Target or K Mart
Margaret	Wheeler	
Pamela	Cronin	
Geoffrey	Holds	
Kathy	Lim	
Mathew	Le Milliere	
Vivienne	O'Neill	
Chloe	Woodall	Also would like to point out the riddiculousness of some books (language especially) not being able to be imported from America. If we can carry corpses of all things around the globe, we can transport books.
Ric	Munro	
Campbell	Holroyd	
Lee	Bowker	If we can make books cheaper without the publishers and authors suffering, then we need to do it.
Leah	Holroyd	It is about time that the price of books is reduced. Books are an important part of our childrens education and the considerably high cost prevents alot of parents from passing this wonderful gift to our children
Aik Hui	Ho	
Hannah	Begg	
Girish	Bhandary	
Joanna	Macnamara	
Bronwyn	Page	
Jo-ann	Ong	
Donna	Shaw	Make reading accessable to all. We all benefit by the increased knowledge in others. I am a high school teacher and an issue that I face is encouraging students to read. If the prices were cheaper students would be able to afford to purchase books, rather than spending their money on other avenues of entertainment.
Judy	Harris	
Steve	Tilling	
Elinor	Hurst	
Jill	Treloar	
Karen	Lupton	
Leonie	Sells	
Sharon	Chan	
Jill	Renison	
Anthony	Campanella	
Heather	Boughton	
Lucy	Smith	
Peter	Nakitch	
Deirdre	Tosswill	
Primrose	Siecin	
Suzie	Westphal	
Michael	Parry	
Megan	Maxwell	
Daniel	O'Malley	
Lydia	Baillie	
Catherine	Holman	
Sue	Hobson	

Robyn Felicity	Robins Turner	I read a book a week and buy books to support book shops, although going to a library would be much cheaper. Reading and books are important in shaping our conversation, community and imagination. Without books we wouldn't have the richness of life that we enjoy here in Melbourne and Australia. Please enable this to continue by bringing cheaper books to us all.
Lynne Leanne Jenny Sharron	Byatt Rogers Moore Benett	Please keep books for children at affordable prices to facilitate the literacy accessibility, learning opportunities and reading pleasure for our young children.
Carolyne Rhiannon Katherine Rolf Caroline Diane Sandra Caroline Jessica	Reisinger Marchant Maxwell Bachmann Sciascia McMaster Bell Sciascia Worth	I can purchase books from USA, so why not let Australia reap some of the profits as well.
Lyn	Page	I would have thought it more important to have cheaper books than cheaper music. Books are knowledge. Cheaper books would encourage people to read, particularly children. When I first moved here from the UK 15 years ago, I was horrified by the price of books. Cheaper books would also encourage people to visit bookshops rather than buy online from overseas.
Janet Jenny Sarah Cindy Rachel Roy Stevie	Droege Jaems Horne Tang Anderson Filer Caswell	
Hrissa	Stavrou	Books teach morals and knowledge for the future! Being a student, I don't have ridiculous amounts of money to spend on books (I really wish I did). Hopefully the result of this petition is me, and many others, being able to afford many more books to help further our studies and reap the rewards that reading has to offer. Reading as a pastime that should be readily available to all - how can we possibly address the increase in illiteracy and decreased reading amongst children until we've addressed the issue of the prohibitively high cost of books.
Kirsteen Guy Lois	Roy Carlisle Dear	
Joffre Cathy Marinus Jacki Valerie Jade Angelie	Creagh Butz Borkent Elkhuizen Abbott Leong Tierney	Please note you had the wrong address please enter details as above, thank you Books are too expensive in Australia as compared to prices overseas
Sue Karen Jasmine Ben	Blakeney Marshall Norman Hornby	I am an avid reader and buy at least 3 books at the same time - average cost being \$100 this is ridiculous and I support the cheaper books campaign.

Rita	Holmes
Lorraine	Doyle
Haelee	Mann
Katie	Tsyplakov
Rod	Yates
Kerri	Mercer
Rojana	Thongthai
Cynthia	Kennedy

No more over priced books! No-one will buy them, when they can purchase them somewhere else for less :(

Maricar	San Andres
Sandra	Dawson
Vivienne	McSwan
Bernadette	Sheridan
Libby	Hall
Kerry	McMillan

With concerns that our population is becoming less literate, more inclined to sit in front of the television than to pick up a book, removing the restrictions on parallel importation would help to reduce the cost of books, and encourage more people to read. This is particularly true of new release books, where there may be much hype surrounding a particular book, and people are put off by the astronomical price tag (I recently bought a new release novel for almost \$50, not many people who are not dedicated to an author or series would do this). The cost of books for children and young adults is very high, and reduced costs may also help them to get more into reading, as they may be in a better position to purchase with their own pocket money, rather than relying upon sometimes unencouraging

Vanessa	Vaughan
Maureen	De Longville
Anthony	Evans
David	Tavender
Norma	Daniels
Colin	Phillips
Shelley	Griffiths
Silvana	Ashford
Lawrie	Sutton
Michelle	Byrne
Pamela	Cook

Cheaper books would urge more people to read than play xboxes etc

I would buy more books 1

if books are made available cheaper I would like to think that book lovers would then buy more, I certainly would!

Marita	Tosato
Lisa	Matheson
Amrita	Sidhu
Judith	Smith
Geoff and C	Stagg
Lia	Laplough
Susan	Till
Sandra	Hough
Irene	Harney
David	Stone
Angela	Cablewski
Michelle	Heales
Julie	Webber
Shannon	Mcdonnell
Ann	Papandrea
Emma	Smith
Ki Chul	Lee
Brian	Dirou
Roslyn	Robertson
David	Arney

At a time where every dollar counts for all households in Australia, it is unbelievable that an initiative like this is ignored. I am sure many people would be thrilled to be able to continue to purchase books at a reasonable price & help the companies who supply books to weather the storm.

Adelina	Apruzzese
Mary	Ponce
Julie	Downer
John	Vale
Lev	Lafayette
Barbara	Dawson
Lynn	Breadmore
Philippa	Dodshon
Haejin	Kim
Elaine	Parry
Kate	Slattery
Helen	Moore
Andrea	Rodwell

I believe our restrictions do cause book prices in Australian bookshops to be unreasonably expensive. One only has to travel to appreciate that. And I think our publishers and authors can and will survive without outmoded protectionist policies. They have an understandable fear of losing what they perceive to be a "security blanket". I believe that they will come to realise that their fears were misplaced and that it will be demonstrated that they can meet competition in the 21st century world very well.

Edward	Irving
Brigitte	Varnier
Sheila	Eik
John	Bourne
Marina	Pagliarini
Gabriella	Nicholson
Cassandra	Koudela
Yvonne	Facy

That would be good in these times of financial crises - part of rebooting the economy...

Kathryn	Gauci
Joanne	Zsolt
Courtney	Brell
Gail	Kelly

Cheaper books are essential for the education revolution that the Rudd government supports.

Alison	Lewis
Carmel	Spencer
Kim	Adams
Brooke	Burton
Janet	Kuhl
Kathryn	Mathwin
Tamara	Hall
Christina	Spryakis
David	Halley
Belinda	Belcher

How can we encourage young children to read really great books if we can't afford to buy them. Childrens books are extremely expensive for what they are and I know that if they were cheaper to buy, I would be buying a lot more books for my children.

Delphine	Slessar
Sarah	Holey
Miguel	Munoz
Sabrina	Wang
Keri	Whitehead
Frances	Whyte

I am always disappointed that we are very limited in the selection of books available in Australia, there are so many authors unheard here but are available through web sites. Please start importing more authors.

Y fully agree

Gaynor Dewick
Michele Belcher

My local Dymocks bookstore is closing due to difficult financial conditions in retails. The removal of restrictions will only result in ALL small book stores loosing out - big retailers will be the only winners. Save the local bookstores!!!

Katrina Hume
Ann Fyffe
Keryl Wood
Francine Costa
Andrea Crapp
Ingrid Thompson
Matthew McGann
Tony Sutton
Ezio Belfiglio
Carol Moule
Heather Roberts
Jenny Taylor
Shannan La Brooy
Debbie Lambert
Robert Brooke
Roger Creaser
Deborah Coppola
Carlie Schofield
Kim Snart
Sue Carrick
Andrea Borg

Why not make Dymocks part of the Coalition for Cheaper Books and note their submissions to the Productivity Commission which, we believe, THIS would reduce book prices for the public whilst at the same time protecting the copyright and income of authors and publishers, and particularly enb sure that no further Australian companies 'go under' making their employees redundant.

Margaret Thomas
Virginia Riches
Kim Oliver
Jane Griffiths
Bermadette Williams

Would defintely like to see cheaper books!!

Sonia Brianni
Sharon Davies
Ann Osman
Louisa Remedios
Ann Leith

Books open the world to people and enhance learning

Jane Heathe Bundy
Tennille Kelly
Gwenyth Carver
Maureen Puechberty
Alexandra Sidamon
Liz Buckley
Ben Bundy
Jill Donohoo
Madeline O'Connor
Nancy Lee
Ling Ly
Elleni Abraham
Janice Warren
Stephen Jones
Susan Blair
Liz Pohlen
Tracy Shaw
Barbara Lewis

Well done!

Anna Gregoris
Melanie Bezear
Lara Kingham
Victoria Beale
Caroline Stamm
Lauren Kraehe
Jo Anne Arnol
Maria Kontopoulos
Sukru Yashin
Beckie Alley
Alastair Troedel
Carin Robertson

I use the Internet for many reasons BUT, for me, being able to take a book with me, on a plane, in a car or anywhere outdoors or even from room to room is a must and this I cannot do via the Internet. Make books more affordable so that the beauty of the written word can be experienced by all.

Lurline Fisher
Donna Oxley
Patricia Chow
Nicky Wilson

Books provide access to knowledge, and greater purchasing power would allow greater access to this knowledge for everyone.

Anna Gundling
Celia Green

Pamela Davis

As an avid reader it would be even better if prices of books came down to a more realistic level, especially in today's financial climate. Cheaper books should be accessible to everyone, particularly young children and those in high school and university. This will give them access to a world of opportunities and allow for growth and development. High prices of books however will deprive and hinder this process otherwise.

Krishleen Sharan
Julia Colli
Kate Vincent
Natalie Lecky
David Whiting

We've been paying too much for books for too long, it's time for a change. Books are far too expensive. There is nothing like bonding over a good children's book with your child or giving a friend a book that says how much you appreciate them. Books to me are a life line.

Elsa Kachwalla
John Cruickshank

I also have children that love books and every shopping expedition includes a book store visit. But, due to the high price of books I cannot always afford to purchase books.

Carol Davey
Catriona Woodall
Allan Morton

Aside from pricing, it will improve availability of books published in the U.K. or U.S.A. and not imported by Australian agents etc. It is crazy you must go through a website like Amazon to buy, for example, a craft book published in the U.K. and which Australian importers have not taken up the opportunity to import.

Judy Ellis
Charmaine Bowers
Gwen Leong
Jodi Fisher
Stephen Jarrett
Miles Perigo
Gregory Palgrave

Cheaper books means more readers and cleverer people!

Carol Smith
Lynne Renshaw

I would think that in the economic times we are facing now, cheaper books would mean that people can actually afford to buy (ie spend) more on books than they certainly would. It is crazy that we have to pay so much for books when you can buy a cd for less in most cases.

Chris Melinn
Alison Werner
Rosalind Searle
Kate Sandery
Niyom Wanpila

cheaper prices on children's books is essential to improving our literacy levels

The price on books is already excessive due to gst. Also the author's will get payment whether the book is published in Australia or elsewhere. What is there to argue about? Any legislation to stop books being cheaper and more readily available is stopping our children being more literate and making it more expensive for libraries to get the best literature and reference material. In a country where children's non fiction books are now over \$40 each (i.e. 25 books per \$1000) we are not giving our children enough of a chance to read!! Last year I promoted the ACT Chief Minister's Reading Challenge at the school I worked for and was able to get over 25% of students to complete it by sheer perseverance. Many school libraries cannot buy books at current prices and you are dooming those
How a relatively thin paper back novel can cost \$34 is beyond me.

Jennifer Goldfinch
Luke Rodoreda
Janette Avery
Kaila Bennett
Jill Finlayson
Kirsten Fagan
Morgan Garato
Samantha Gilbert
Elizabeth Shuttle
Paul Cowin
Maria Black
Terryll Osborne
Paul Cowin
Kylie Morgan
Damian Cassidy

Everyone will stop buying books if it stays this expensive. It's ridiculous.

Razzak Khan
Kylie Shelverton
Karen Hartley

Given we currently have a shortage of skilled workers, would it make sense to make educational books more expensive for those of us who want to learn a skill?

Anne Adamczewski
Debbie Hand
Mandy Sandona
Gerald Hodges

Not everyone will choose to buy the cheaper books but I believe it's important to allow the freedom of choice for each individual, that is one of the wonderful features of being an Australian.

Kerri Meyer-gleaves
Ben Masters
Rachel Symons
Nesa Simon David
Sandra Musumeci

The books we read in this country should not be so expensive and out of reach to everyone.

we need cheaper books!!!

Adrian Olley
Joanna Barber
Christine Bull

I already import books from overseas as they are substantially cheaper than the books retail here. If books were made cheaper here, I would buy in Australia.

Ross Chadderton
Samantha Hay
Nga Lemawiak
Johanna Krige
Bianca Clark

Reading is so important for everyone and anything that can reduce the price of books to make them more accessible to everyone has to be a good thing.

Jayne Murray
Rebecca Cassino
Kylie Bullivant
John Blades
Kari Manners
Shannon Kolak
Terry Lavelle

Easing these import restrictions would enable profits from book sales to stay in Australia. I currently buy nearly all my books from overseas on the Internet as they are much cheaper. Please change this counter-productive law.

Magdalena Iwasiw
Will Spraggon
Anne Forbes
Susie Warner

I believe in free trade

Chelsea Ewers
Kelly Matthews
Chris Waller
Janet McLachlan
Lynette Stenhouse
Melissa Binks
Sophie Grainge
Renee Muscat
Frankie Woodward
Ivy Shih
Graham Hogg
Monica Borg
Leesa Harris
Julie Pomfret
David Minty
Lynda Dickson
Lorraine Moseley
Lois Thomas
Deitz Milissa
Lisa Lines
Mary Lomas
Nicole Riches
Kelly Renee Green
Annette Ruschena
Lynda Smith
Steven Cole
Stephen Fossey
Kasumi Togami

Cheaper books would benefit all people and increase the popularity of reading fiction.

Eloise Hogan
Lillian Bullard
Brendan Passmore
Jodie-anne Smith

I have lots of children and place a high importance on reading to them and encouraging books over TV. I would love to have access to cheaper books to add to their collections!!

Mythili Naganthiran
Stephanie Cleary
Bernadette Mclean
Katherine Mills

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. We in Australia, pay far too much for books. We need the restrictions to be removed so that we could buy cheaper books.

C Ds have had restrictions on imports removed since 1998 why are books excluded from similar restrictions particularly as prices for CDs were reduced - can this be applied to books too.

Lorraine	Suter
Merle	Wood
Merle	Wood
Michael	Murray
Nanette	Gottlieb
Cory	Smith
John	Kennedy
Sarah	McDonald
Luke	Thompson
Phill	Bates
Christine	Malpas
Rhonda	Hosken
Kate	Greenslade

Parallel importation restrictions currently benefit foreign publishers twice, at the expense of Australian consumers. Although foreign publishers appropriately profit from the sale of the book at international prices into the Australian market they further benefit from the unjustified mark-up their Australian subsidiaries make to this 'captive' market as well as from the positive impacts these profitable subsidiaries have on the overall profitability / share price / portfolio / cash flow of the parent companies. Allowing parallel importation should encourage these (currently parasitic) local subsidiaries to focus on competitive pricing and publishing high quality local authors currently struggling to gain notice in an increasingly closed market.

Maggie	Reid
Mary	Richmond
Candice	Masling
Stephanie	Van Loon
Andrea	Panaouris
Renae	Troup
Peter	Bunworth

To make books more accessible is important, reading is an active process in comparison to passively sitting in front of the television. This therefore leads to more active assimilation of information, knowledge and understanding of the world and other perspectives. This helps dispel ignorance and develops tolerance and awareness.

Caitlin	Jennings
Fiona	Harvey
Greg	Crowe
Sherina	Kuik
Joanne	Berndt
Michelle	Fowler
Cordula	Pelvay
Thais	Barclay

Yes I agree completely with this petition. Books here are ridiculous over priced compared to that of over seas markets and I would buy more books if they were cheaper and so would many of my friends.

Lachlan	Meek
Samantha	Oke
Rachel	Colombo
Carolyn	Docking

Ann	Stinton
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I believe it is important for the literacy of the general Australian community to have access to cheaper books of any nature.

Lillian	Bullard
Marie	Kohlhardt
Kim	Cofield

Those who support the retention of expensive books claim that the Industry will fail if its funding is cut. On the contrary. In UK when 'Retail Price Maintenance' was killed the number books sold shot up and the number of new titles printed increased.

Renee Eales
Susan Fripp
Mark Mass

Una Stone

Yes - it is a disgrace. I have many friends who purchase through Amazon because US prices are so lower...we need to put our money back into the Australian economy. I wholeheartedly support this course. Thank you kindly for this opportunity.
Regards, Katharine Gray

Katharine Gray
Norman Repacholi
Marigold Douglass
Danuta Savona-bartosik
Clancy Warner
Andrea Hui
Vanessa Whittem
Melissa Mead
Luke Tierney
Deborah Lowenstern
Marlene Macdonald
Megn Saxby
Geoff Smart
Alex McCullie
Matthew Huppatz

If the price of books are reduced then more people may be inclined to buy it rather than borrow from the library.

Lisa Allen
Derek Bailey
Susan MacGregor
Aimee Sutherland
James Hall
Susan Megaw
Riikka Lintola
Fiona Young
Nathan Gibellini
Martin Morris
Steve Copeland-bowen

Helena Iannos
Roisin Clarke
Kari Hanet

Please let cheaper books into australia so that i dont have to buy them from overseas.

Rhondell Pope
Maree Maffei
Paul Phillips

I can not believe it takes a petition for this to happen. Why is it Companies can't just get the cheapest product for the client, especially with the way the economy is at the moment. The government should be ashamed of themselves.

Graham Turnbull
Melanie Dolphin
Michelle Davids
Vijay Subramanian
Vikki McMahan
Dan Symonds
Judith Clarke
Brendan Kelly
Rosalind Trevithick
Benjamin Austin
Jenny Gibson
Jennifer Seligmann

Books are too expensive to buy anymore
Access to affordable books in Australia is a matter of huge importance in ensuring that books remain part of people's lives in the electronic age.

Ann Londey
Bethany Williams
Edmond Said
Brian Miller
Cherrie Adams
Andrew Jasinski
Kate Jones
Ralf Grasso

please make reading aFFORDABLE afor everyone..it is a right not a privelege

Books are way too expensive in Australia compared to the rest of the world. Books retailing for ave new book price of \$25 in AUD are only AUD\$12-15 in US. Freight is the killer for normal aussie person to bring the books over so retailers in Australia should be able to go back to pricing arrangements before GST - that was when huge jump in pricing occured!

Cheree Woodbridge
Lee Charrett
Diane Holland
Andrew Pringle
Kym Woolf
Carol Turner
Teena Kell
Paula Galea
Leanne Richmond
Jenny Byrnes
Renee Bruggemann
Rachel Picker
Eileen Tsai
Fiona Gladstone
Lisa Meier
Kath Ponsonby
Rosemary Charles
Anh Pham
Purcelle Fox-Hughes
Joann Melville Mcgrath
Deirdre Wellman

I am an Australian author and would wish my books to be available at reasonable cost to those overseas. Therefore it seems only fair that the same applies to the Australian public. Karen

Karen Reading

Reducing cost to retail OTC purchase of books would be a boost for Australian retail when otherwise we can buy online from overseas at cost of local industry profitability - surely a bigger consideration now in recession with pressure on employment etc

Scott Rymill
Khiara Frazer Allen
Rebecca Middlemiss
Tegan Schmuttermaier
Terry Mand
Pamella McIntosh
Frank Spanyolik
Liam O'Pray
Caitlin O'Pray
Narelle Plummer
Steve O'Pray
Claire Hamilton
Steve Austen
Amanda Manning
Delyse Ryan
Jan Robinson
Miranda Scarff
Sheryl Edwards

Please, Please make books accessible to ALL by reducing their cost
Cheaper books will lead to a smarter country!

Cheaper books is surely a good thing for improving literacy rates in Australia

Sandra O'Pray
Susan Mclinden
Alice Alison
John Gilberg
Daphne Weatherill
Kath Budzinska

Compared to the United Kingdom & USA, our books are disgustingly expensive. I know a number of people who wont buy books in Australia, but buy them online. This saves them large amounts of money, even though they're paying for postage as well! The only reason I don't do the same is because I don't like buying online. This is a ridiculous situation & should be changed.

Jan Gray
Artie Baxter
Paul Gatenby
Brad Burman
Julie Mortimer
Dawn Fenech
Yusheng Liu

Hi, Dymocks looks like there are two of us with the same hotmail address! I'm David Inglis at 6 Lipscomb PI Macgregor ACT. That noted, I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign and wish you luck.

David Inglis

Times are tough and we should encourage reading and learning for ALL ages. Why must we make this necessity and pleasure even more expensive? In the best interest of ALL Australians please remove the restrictions on parallel importation.

Gina Sailba
Ann Uphill
Andrew Lind
Patricia Henry
Lesley McMahan
Sejil Mistry
Anthony Burke
Judy Fleischmann
Diane Dwyer
Renae Rutherford
Julie Greenwood

We want to talk with people who know books not just buy one of the shelves. Keep the service up Dymocks you do a great job. Thank you !

Sandra Hubert
Amanda Kemp
Annabel Brebner
Natalie Wilson
John La Fontaine
Diana Skelton
Kristy-Lee Young
Jill Lissiman

We need to ween people of television and have them control their input. Enough CSI wherever! Read something inspiring instead.

Peter Seskis
Julie Le Comte
Daniel Hains
Amanda Huggins
Simeen Woods
Briony Mcgrath
Samantha Cocks
Catherine Smith
Maria Arambulo

If books were more affordable for parents to pruchase more childern would be reading and being educated rather than watching TV or playing Video games on TV or Internet

Sheree Arnel
Gordon Sonnenberg

Julia Williams
Ruth Jones
Robyn Gorham
Lisbeth Elvery
Stacey snell
Lata Mayer
Alice McDermott
Mike Jones
Katherine Wilson
Vesna Furjanic
Anne Chivers

If Big W stores can sell their books so cheap, why can't bookstores???

Maria Morelli

I try to support Australian booksellers, but if the books they sell are too expensive, I will often try to source the books from international booksellers online ie Ebay or Amazon.com. This means that my money is going overseas, instead of supporting Australian companies. This does not seem right to me. Please make books cheaper and help keep jobs here in Australia.

The world is in a crisis, many have their jobs, homes and families taken away from them. Must everything become restricted and taken away from people? I mean, they're books. Books have been around for milleniums. It is ridiculous, what the world has become. To put a restriction on books for parallel importation is ludacris. The world is in enough crisis. Let the people have their books.

Chloe Angelo
Reta Dearing
Peggy Walker
Leonie Buchan
Sam Richardson
Penelope Thomas
Sue Emmerton
Carol Kirk
Suzanne Cartwright
Louise Gordon
Caroline Lavings
Lynne Thompson
Marie Martin
Kim Marshall
Alice McDermott
Rebecca Sawers
Sin Ying Tan
Jana Siswadi
Arun Chandrasekhar
Tara Stott
Jan Anderson
Sue Green
Ashleigh Thomsen
Ashleigh Thomsen
Veronica Sorbello
Toni Osborn
Sophie Lambert
Marleen Kilkelly
Barbara-ann Close
Elizabeth Meehan
Catherine Wherry
Scott & Nicol Mc Gillivray
Shelley Mc Gillivray
Sharee Aitchison
Louise Handley
Christopher O'Neil

Books are education for life.

More books..... more books.....more books

Margaret	Phipps	
Lesley	Mc Gillivray	I support the coalition for cheaper books As books are such a consolation and pleasure availability needs to be as cheap as possible thanks
Anthony	Contoleon	
David	Canavan	
Susan	Mcphee	I think this is an important initiative and will help towards making Australia a morecompetitive, informed and intelligent society.
Lisa	Sandars	
Effie	Valavanis	
Linden	Burch	
Anne	Ricker	
Brett	Jardine	
Lyn	Toole	
Lisa	Vaccaro	
Donna	Cooke	It is upsetting that i cannot afford to buy more books for my children as even a thin children's paperback costs almost \$15. This is hard to manage in tough economic times. As a teacher - books are needs not wants - if we are to remain the 'smart country' the price should be dropping - more books to more people will mean less ignorance and a better society - live and learn - read more books
Andrew	Junge	Do I have to keep going to Amazon if I want to buy reasonably priced books. Please make it worthwhile for me to shop at home.
Robyn	Gillard	I support the coalition for cheaper books
Dallas	Stevens	
Patrick	Shanahan	
Deborah	Borges	To encourage people to purchase books is to keep the price down.
Annette	Larke	
Susan	Park	
Alan	Bicker	As a very keen reader all my life, now that I am retired and on a pension I am finding it increasingly difficult to justify the expense of book buying.
Sharon	Lobzin	this would promote sales of new books and help to keep jobs in classical stores rather than people buying the books from the internet of either new or used books from overseas Let us encourage reading, not stifle it!!!!
Sylvia	Davey	
June	Cotton	
Jennifer	Quilty	
Alistair	Mcmillan	
Brian	Richards	
Brigitte	Webber	
Gwenda	Sutton	
Marite	Jones	Books are a very important part of life for all children in particular, so we need to be able to provide the best selection possible so we need to remove restrictions where necessary
Ari	Harrington	
Alice	Colgate	
Kylie	Milthorpe	
Charley	Pollard	
Amanda Jan	Fuller	
Linda	Tamai	
Lorette	Davis	
Karen	Bremner	
Jules	Alvarez	
Judith	King	
Mandy	Ellis	
Denise	Tomlinson	
Edwin	Lau	
Avril	Nel	
Ann	Blackwell	Thank you

Pauline Rasch
Margaret-ani Shuttleworth
Laurren Pamentor
Anna Yelavich
Lyn Leach

I strongly support this as I know that books in the USA are much cheaper esp when the \$ is strong

Peta McGinley
Roberta Roberts
Steve Hill
Ian Smith
Brian Edwards
Belinda Baker
Ellen Smee
Lindsay Mallet
Victoria Ryan

I'm a teacher, children need many and a huge variety of texts and my school is struggling to provide this resources because of soaring prices in the last 8 years. Anything for cheaper materials to build a more literate Australia.

Cherie Ashby
Jessie Lee Saulge
Roweena D'Souza
Alan Hermann
Ling Zheng
David Baldwin
Leanne Ross
Krystyna Rog
Jodi Hansen
Terry Cronin

To restrict is to impede, and to impede is to not to allow freedom. People should be allowed to have freedom.

Timothy Lawson-smith
Raelene Govett
John Ayrey
Jennifer McCoy
Nickola Pick
Rosemary Prior

I buy most of my books through Amazon because either books are not available in Australia or it is cheaper.

Kevin Golding
Karen Mallam
Matthew Young
John Loebenstein
Hilary Carpenter
Wendy Wickes
Debbie Pahlke
Janine Bean
Margaret Lawler
Michael Pyman
Susan Mary Moyle

Cheaper books would mean more children reading. Surely that is an advantage

Ann Garrett
Janet Power
Laurence Fisher-williams
Michael Barker
Deanna Van Velsen
Mary Forrest
Amanda Leeson

As I buy a book every two weeks for my granddaughter in New Zealand, I would benefit from the cheaper prices, also I feel people would look to books other than different forms of entertainment if they were cheaper.

I am in the fortunate position where I can purchase books overseas as I travel for my work. I don't buy books in Australia due to their cost; I buy in the UK, USA or Singapore. I also buy for my friends.

Anne Marie Jonas
Tony Schuck
Jordan Mangan
Kathryn Arrowsmith
Jeffrey Ryan
Kay Bence
Gytis Simkus
Barbara Lenane
Vickie Nguyen
Simon Le Serve

Reading expands the mind. Expensive books is a disincentive to reading. Australia needs cheaper books! Stop protective monopolies in the supply chain.

Sophia Ashman
Marie Gregoire
Marg Donovan
Larissa Bannatyne
Larissa Bannatyne

I live with and support two students, one of whom is majoring in English Literature so cheaper books would assist.

Jenny Mcgowan
Barbara Langton
Michael Choo
Sherri Nolan
David John Roberts

Books provide an essential service in education and recreation for all age groups in the community and should not have restricted access because of cost. Books are an important part of professional development as well as being important part of life in general I am a psychologist in probvate practice and large numbers of books are printed overseas and it is a great impost on Australina to not have a more even playing field

Donna Riseley
Catherine Aird
Sue Lapetina
Christopher Wilson
Christine Betts
Adrian Yee

I travel to the US extensivley and find the same best seller books 50% or more less than the Australian price for the same book. The pricing commission is a self serving gravey train for so called wholesale importers. Book stores should be able to import directly. On line transactions make the exercise easy.

Ross Martin

Why are the other book sellers not trying to do anything about the high cost of books, or is it by having the high prices it allows them to rip the public of for more. Good work Dymocks!

Warren Ellliott

I am from the UK and could not believe how expensive books were in Australia. It is a tax on education that this country can ill afford.

Sue Taylor
Carolyn Genoud
Megumi Ichikawa
Simone Altmann
Sylvana Clark
Christian Seben
Lou Miller
Dean Warton
Paul Thompson
George Seggie
Susan Becke
Barbara Mcdonnell

taxation on books, shame!

I agree whole heartily

Cornelius Beukes
Susan Thomson

I have always been appalled at the cost of books in Australia. How can the government promote literacy on one hand and on the other hand make the enjoyment and pleasure derived from reading obtainable by only the wealthy?

Karen Mathieson
Timothy Lubcke
Grisel Saunders
Antoinette Carrier
Annie Thomas
Patricia Rogan
Margaret Clancy
Jackie Rapinett

Keeping books expensive in Australia just means that Australian book businesses loose out on business. People like me, who can buy books on-line or travel regularly overseas, would get or books elsewhere.

Trieu Nguyen
Bob Butcher
Hayley Buck
Graham Ross
Marilyn Halcomb

I travel quite frequently to Australia and have first hand experience of the markedly greater prices of books in Australia than in America. I would buy more books, and no doubt, spend more money overall, if the individual price per book were not so high.

Tracie Rowson
Wendy Theunissen

If the restrictions are not removed, then I have no choice but to purchase my books via Amazon which would give me a great flexibility in purchasing costs - even allowing for shipping costs.

David Robinson
Margaret Mcroberts

I can often purchase books here in the UK and send them to my relations in Australia which even adding the cost of delivery from the uk is cheaper than they can purchase them locally.

Anthony O'Rourke
Veronica Watson
Eve Clarke
Wesley Stewart-reid
Elizabeth Lisners
Rose Ann M: Reyes
Paul Whitton
Basil Punton
Malcolm Lan Downing
Carmen S

Cheaper books. Please?

Alice Ling
Allan Black
Amanda Wengel
Jillian Doyle
Flyn Jr. Gallardo
John Dunstan
Nofita Dwiyanty
Chiansing Goh
Justine Ann Gabriele
Susan Bardon
Chris Brnabic
William Ong
Rita Renwick
Rebekah Renwick

The prices of books now are ridiculous

Brian Renwick

All books should be tax free as they are in most other countries that value education for their children and citizens.

Books should be available to all. Price should not be a burden to anyone who wishes to read. Allow books to be brought in and out of Australia in any manner legal that allows them to be sold at a reasonable price

Barbara Schneider
Scott Gleeson
Jennifer Edge
Sharne Lawson
Sherry Phillips
Susan Johnson
Jess Parker
Ayaan Omar
Robert Anderson
Sherrill Paton

I only support this proposal if the booksellers pass on the savings. I am not in favour of this arrangement if booksellers pocket the difference. Books, expensive as they are, are commodities. I will order my books accordingly, even if they are cheaper from Amazon or as audio downloads.

Davidson Lloyd
Louka Parry
Carol Van Der Schaar

Would love to see cheaper books available in Australia.

Michelle Viol Lee
Dan Tian
Michelle Taylor
Tanya De Souza-Meally
Tracy Ho
Gary Johnson
Tuckta Mahasay
Albert Koh
John Quetula
Melanie Kerrigan
Marilena Anastassiou

Cheaper books is a good way to get the new generations into reading.

If books were cheaper I would buy more. I buy a lot of children books and some of the mre beautiful ones are up to \$50.00 which is very unfair. looking forward to it
Kind regards genoefa

Genoefa Budas
Amanda B
Elisabeth Lynch
Nigel Gibson
Brian Richards
Michelle Ellston
Eva Lindbloom
Jason Arblaster
David Cane
Angelin Yeoh
Catherine Venn

i agree this is a worth while cause

Strongly support the removal of restrictions. It's a nonsense not to remove restrictions for a year. (Please note MY address - it seems there is more than one Christopher Venning in Australia. And by the way, I didn't receive your earlier email on cheaper books).

Christopher Venning
Maree Findley
Shivon Veal
Sasha Mahboub
Karla White
Olivia Mou
Robyn Hodson
Jennifer Rillera
Claire Mcgerr
Karina Yuen
Tony Dobbs

Amirah	Almas	Books are a key form of entertainment however a CD or DVD is sometimes half the price. I think its time things were more even.
Emma	Jarvis	
Hilda	Teddy Kasim	
		I am 73 yrs old. Books are an important part of a retirees lifestyle. I am on a pension. Problem is that I buy many books thru 'offshore' bookstores because they are much cheaper than OZ bookshops. It seems wrong that a brand new, hard-cover book can be bought and freighted from an o/seas market and delivered to me cheaper than in
Karl	Cameron - Jacksc	OZ, to the detriment of OZ bookshops.
Anna	Anita	
Kim	Lee	
Stephanie	Hutton	
Diane	Synon	
Catherine	Brown	
Winnie	Yuen	
David	Neroda	
Paul	Paulenas	
Anita	Serjent	
Rebecca	Powell	
Mariane	Elias	
Robin	Choong	
Christine	Maddern	
David	Smith	
Larisa	Loy	
Christine	Hardwick	
Uyen	Bui	
Flora	Axford	
		How did you get that address above which is so far out it is not really funny? You should have my correct address and no doubt you will now put it right but the answer to my question woud still, I feel, make interesting reading. Thanks Merlin
Merlin	Amos	
Matthew	Weston	
		I would like to think that by putting the voice of readers forward to be heard that some cheaper books will be the result.
Shelley	Sewell	
Johnny	Von Einem	
		Everyone Australian should afford to read, much as having the opportunity and fairness of learning to read.
Quynh	Le	
Stephanie	Covino	
Andy Shiun	Hu	
Joanna	Wong	
Annette	Yue	
Paul	Taylor	
Zoe	Dickson	
Bruce	Sivalingam	
Emil	Ivancu	
Amanda	Emsies	
Peter	Carter	
Anna	Lane	
Shoo Peng	Siah	
Susan	Barrie	
Amanda	Pearce	
Catherine	Mclean	
Sandy	Ly	
		Whatever happened to freedom of literature, learning, etc. etc. which should be a world-wide freedom? Please do your upmost to amend this deplorable situation.
Jenny	Sheldon-Lee	
Diane	Tennie	

Lyn O'Brien

Removal of restrictions should increase the range of books available in Australia, as well as reduce the price. I am of this opinion because I used to live in Chicago, and know first-hand the huge range of wonderful books that are published in the US.

Glynne Sutcliffe
Ellis Thomas
Lynette Page

The gift of literature and education through books should be as cheap/free as possible, wherever possible.

Kathy Field
Tracy Howard
Ashlin Mccamish
Alistair Sage
Meahd Bradshaw
Tomi Kalinski
Jordyn Neidig
Mahmood Alam

Coming from overseas as my wife (Dutch) and I (formerly American) do, we are shocked at how expensive books are here, and note that shipping books individually from the US is still often cheaper than buying them here. This premium is annoying when applied to our reading, but tragic when it limits the amount of reading that our 9-year old daughter can afford to do. Exceeding even the draconian intellectual property treaties currently under discussion, this simple monopoly rent provides a premium to those who provide no value to any of us, and represents a pure impost on us, and on the Australian economy. There is no justification for continuing this, other than serving the vested interests of a few entrenched monopolists. Regards,
Dr Paul D Hauck, Principal ICT Strategic Services Paul

Paul Hauck
Kimble Jury
Brett Cork
Gerald Byron
Kelly Reilly
Danielle Morgan
Eunice Choy
Margaret Stokes
Lesley Abarca
Andri Selamat
Sophia Lee
Mark Vassallo
Sofia Georgiou
Laura Raiter
Anja Stridsman
Christine Emmett
Elizabeth Commons
Sheila Skinner
Bonnie Chow
Kathrin Agostino
Dawn Wells
Peck Yue Chan
Stephen Phillips
Aisha Bouhafis
Roshanee Perera
Angelene Nieto
Regina Ferreira
Robyn Pickering
Carol Priestley
Kathryn Vajda
Debra O'Keefe

Kym	Till
David	Guzzwell
David	Townsend
Steven	Van
Helen	Wong
Deidre	Van Der Merwe
Dianne	Bartlett
Joanne	Scullion
Michelle	Beavan
Gillian	McMillan
Vicky	Noonan
Debbie	Robinson
Amy	Cheung
Sonia	Newman
Kim	Walker
Andrew	Saunders
Theodore	Malanos
Shona	Malberg
Jennifer	Marshall
Nicole	wall
Jennifer	Holley
Debra	Thomsett
Jerry	Bongard
Samantha	East
Kirsten	Simpkins
Louisse	Linney
Elaine	Thygesen
Kirsten	Simpkins
Velvet	Millar
Patricia	Thomas
Carol	Wray
Rosie	Moran
Jane	Creith
Carol	Simpkins
Ben	Weir
Edith	Yuen Wong
Amy	Mclean
Brad	Oswald
Beverley	Templeton
Nicola	Bentley
Gail	Seisun
Sidney	Widjaja
Donna	Loudon
Amanda	Selway
Isaac	Kennedy
Carole	Baker
Anita	Graham
Pamela	Heath
Nicholas	Forgione
Michael	James
Ann	Marum-O'Donnell
Chris	Nolen
Jia Min	Fu
Christina	Miller
Andrew	Crabtree
Yvonne	Mushin

If books are cheaper more people will buy them & read, thus improving their own education as well as stimulating the economy.

I am a student, love reading and read prolifically, cheaper books would be great.

I am a student, love reading and read prolifically, cheaper books would be great.

Encourage affordable literacy - sharpen up Australia.

Arnold Wolk
Tracey Simpson

In books we seek truth, in books we seek solace, in books we seek escape, in books we seek laughter. Books are our stories, our history, our right!

Lisa Bonney
Julia Chan
Ashlea Bartram
Carole Baker
Sandra Shi
Jennie Lau
Siobhan Dow-Hall
Sarah Kole
Zheng Junfei
Kim Bawden
Kym Textor
Karen Morrison
Karen Lacy

Dimiti Davidson
Donna Robinson

As a student, books are an essential part of my education and my life. Cheaper books will help everyone in the long run.

Robert Adkin
Anthony Scarcella
Sabina Obic
Brigitte Kimber

This practice smacks of restriction of trade which goes against the free trade policies of our government.

Kristina Starnawski
John Davies
Wendy Whalan
Richard Parry
Emily Sowden
Warren Beckerman
Megan Shaw
Susan Briede
Kane Gough
Damaris Wilson
Vicki Mills
Frances Cooney
Nicola Nemaric
Nicholas Grant
Camille Angcaya
Joseph Semaan

Books are already too expensive and should be available at reasonable prices for the erudition of all people, young and old!

Bonnie Callahan
Therese Williams

I'm a big reader, but the biggest source of books for me is the library, because I don't have a high income, and books can be so expensive.

Paul de Haan
Jenny King
Lynette Hyland
Lorelle Potsey
William Tjoa
Anthony Hillis
Jenn Slattery
Taryn Devlin
Darren Hindle
Lachlan Rigg
Stephanie Yu
Sandy Bennetts

Everything that can be done to encourage reading & the wider availability of books should be done.

I love books and if they were cheaper that would be awesome.

Given the ease of ordering books over the internet from anywhere in the world it seems ridiculous that restrictions apply to sale of the books in Australia. This simply guarantees money is spent outside the country and not within. If the Australian book industry needs this level of protection in the Draft Proposal it simply indicates we are supporting an inefficient industry. We don't do that any longer in many areas and books should join textiles and the others in having to come to terms with this reality. Last year I spent over \$2,000 on books ordered from the USA or UK. How many more like me are there?

Michael	Holland
Syaidatul	Kadir
Alan	Vintiner
Kathleen	Bennier
Aaron	Walling
Kristen	Mclachlan
Jenny	Zaidi
Glenn	Moffat
Andrew	Harwood
Glen	Hamilton
Debbie	Howard
Meredith	Fonti
Annabelle	Graham
Isabel	De Sequera
Caitlin	Daly
Maryann	Townsend
Sarah	Bailey
Lucy	Liu
Janis	Wittber
Marilyn	Horwood
Ann	Hall

books need to be a lot cheaper, as they are continually going up in price and people are just going to find other ways of reading them and not buy them. but i love reading books so please don't make them more expensive

Hannah	Pritchard
Tsui Pik	Tam
Tim	Snow
Thomas	Harlow

Why when a book is purchased from the UK at 4.99GBP are we selling them at \$20.00 +AUD the exchange rate is just above \$2.00 to the GBP this is daylight robbery, even the imporation can't be that much.....

Lorraine	Murdoch
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Yes, I support the coalition for Cheaper books' campaign. Having friends who travel to the US regularly and seeing the prices that they are paying in comparison to Australia makes me realise just how expensive books are to buy here. If books were cheaper, I would be more inclined to buy the books written by my favourite authors, rather than my current practice of borrowing most of the books I read from the local library or my current practice of haunting second hand book shops.

Angela	Poole
Esther	Feiglin
Glen	Pink
Rebecca	Kenyon
Daniel	Hann
Helen	Morfesse
Waan	Kumpoon
Gerri	Keppler
Sue	Mirow

Cheaper book prices in Australia would be fantastic and hopefully the importation of books for anyone will become cheaper.

Neil	Keele
Tu	Nguyen
Thomas	Russell
Stephen	Quinn

Ashley	Huynh
Sue	Sillitoe
Andrew	Williams
Samantha	Rowbotham
Jayi	Turnock
Tamara	Bell
Samantha	Rowbotham
Leonie	Wu
Haeyoung	Jang
Janice	Elsden
Liesbeth	Van Emerick
Julie	Wee
Jill	Mattioli
Irene	Denver
Rebecca	Scala
Simon	Judge
Kate	Hiatt
Verity	Ackling
Terri	Katsikaros

Reading is such an important part of life, particularly in these hard times. It educates and broadens ones horizons, take one to parts of the world they may never get the opportunity to visit otherwise. The removal of restrictions will enable more people access to more books at a cheaper price which must benefit our nation as a whole.

Kaye	Kendall
Yuxi	Su
Tran	Le
Barbara	Read
Daniel	Eimonye
Andy	Christie
Sharon	Reid
Susan	Igglesden
Jill	Curran

I do not live at the other address I have corrected my address.. I do not like what is happening with the content of USA Printed book media changing Australian authors writers words written to American vocab... It is bad enough to have to read and hear English /spoken wrongly. Pauline

Pauline	Faulds
Jonathon	Reed
Emma	Viney
Debbie	Duimel
Emma	Mitchell-collett
Vanessa	Zeleny
Allan	Louey
David	Chandran
Tracey	Sharpe
Sheila	Mcneill
Meredith	Olives
Shirley	Downward
Debora	Peden-Hughes
Jiaying	Li
Gaby	Mayo
Gail	Burchell
Daniel	Arlotta
Margaret	Jones
Steve	Chatterton
Teresa	Stuart-tuckwell
Krystal	Lo
Amy	Mann

Bradley Tate
Ken Harbord
Alex Lovell
Don Greensmith
Jacqueline Hughes

Books in Australia are far too expensive. If knowledge & education are important to be a clever country then the cost of books is ridiculous!

Stephen Walker
Mary-Jane Farrell
Edmundo Swidoyono
Andrea Mccullagh
Chnen Jye Chai
Wai Sze Chan
Timothy Andrews
Jodie Searle
Deanne Mather
Michael Stuart
Kelly Louise James
Emma Brooks
Maria Charyshkina
Pamela Ann Lee
Jessica Fletcher
Cecilia Tang
Jan Phillips
Krystal Prasad
Bernadette Power
Kerry Goddard

Students want cheaper books!

Sangwon Lee
Louise Barker
Roslyn MCGovern
Caroline Simpson
Bryan Gilkes
Cecily Ho
Terry Matthews
Euqenie Jelly
Jeyarajah Niloshan
Bronny Morton
Lausanne Cheers
Sandy Lemmer
Eloise Doyle
Jan Tomlinson
Jane Carter
Kate Underhill
Haimish Chand
John Ibsen-abela
Collette Lancaster-Lockwood
Sanders Muleya nil
Maryanne Ng
Cecily Ho
David McWilliams

Rather than promoting the new digital television upgrade, why not focus on a more educationally beneficial campaign such as this?

Revoke all restrictive practices and adhere to an open transparent market

I support the coalition for cheaper books!

Sylvana Lamerand
Ian Choy
Jane Garvan
Hazel Foster
Byron Porter

any measure that puts more books in the hands of Australians is good for our cultural capital, our economic future and for businesses that are genuinely interested in selling books to the public.

Keeping books expensive is restricting potential to learn.

Tara Powell
 Denise Goddard
 Melissa Fredericos
 Declan Robertshaw
 Rosemarie Culic
 Pauline Dawson
 Lynn James
 Trudi Naughton
 Michael Ryan
 Catherine Young
 Margaret Smith
 Jane Trezise
 Val Grant
 Jean Falconer
 Margaret Stokes
 Jessica Dinh
 Aleidis Van Ruyven
 Mara Morell
 Elizabeth Joy Pine
 Stephanie Hunter
 Cheryl Lin
 Karl Nicolai Wildenauer
 Jan Sievwright
 Liz Owen
 Julia Zhu
 Katerina Anastassiou

Latest releases are limited in hardcover because of cost cutting due to the current regulations.

I feel very strongly about this issue as there are too many people who can ill afford the cost of those books most urgently needed for special research and education. Fairness should be considered.

Robert Clark
 Megan Carden
 Julie Franzini

Jonathan Pilbrow
 Sharn Baylis

Please keep the price of books down - to keep them affordable for everyday people

Nina Blackwell
 Ruth Marshall
 Suzanne Mitchell
 Greg Sincock
 Lorraine Gentle
 Rafaela Almas
 Simone Collett
 Deborah Seib
 Jessica Mackillop
 Harriet Boglis
 Cheryl Bancroft
 Karen Hockey
 Michael Leitch
 Stuart Wilson
 Duncan Schroeter
 Silvea Campbell
 Despina Kontaratos
 Ann-Louise Cameron
 Rodney Berriman

I would prefer to buy books from Australian booksellers but when Amazon is selling them for so much less, it makes sense to buy from America.

I am in favour of free markets operating in every environment!

Rick Underwood

With the internet the world has changed. We need to change along with it. Some things are worth preserving. This isnt.

Denise Riley
Anne Collins
Sally Rendell
Dara Haddow
Kim Reading
Dara Haddow
Hajime Kobayashi
Anne Harvey
Mhorgen Fanthorpe
Shaolee Zaman
Anna Putland
Carla Fitzgerald
Claire Alcock
Corinne Jewitt
Katina Just

As an avid reader and parent of children who are avid readers I applaud this. I grew up in the US where books are significantly cheaper, and my kids did as well until about age 8. I have found a much lower number of 'avid readers' in Australia than in the US and I think this is a definite contributing factor.

Janet Rosado

Cheaper books means more people reading (not MySpacing!). The entire nation stands to benefit from such a move.

Stewart Borowski

I thought Australia signing the free trade agreement was supposed to reduce the cost of all media books, music and video. What happened. I can buy the same books in Istanbul for a third of the price.

Anthony Duffield
Darrell Wheeler
Maria Volk

I wish to protest against the high cost of books in Australia. Over many years I have been horrified at the price I have had to pay not only for text books but also for books of many other genres, and I think it is time that consumers were given a fair deal. We are very aware that books may be purchased more cheaply overseas and on the internet. Without parallel importation restrictions the Australian consumer will have greater choice and will pay less because it will be in the interests of Australian publishers to serve the consumer better. A competitive market means cheaper books, and cheaper books mean more book sales – a good thing for Australian authors. Also it is important that families are able to afford the books that their children need in order to ac

Margaret Hopkins
Alexandra Dye
Andrian Marcelino
Keith Williams
Georgina Kartsidimas
Maree Mcintyre
Matthew Kemp
Phillip Draber
Colin White
Jenny Cannon

Dennis Mattiske

Good reading is essential to good thinking, we need to encourage the availability of reading material as economical as we can to assist the readers of our time.

Jesse Turland
Sue Shatford
Robyn Kentwell
Rebecca Chan
Todor Petkantchin
Grant Snowsill

I'm 16 and I love books. They place the world at one's fingertips like nothing else does. I strongly support this action to make them cheaper to purchase as it's clear that the restrictions that make them expensive are not warranted.

Marek	Halas
Laura	Pritchard
Terri	Neuzerling
Wenwen	Xie
Iain	Bowen
Susan	Leitao
Katie	Wegener
Shannon	Unsworth
Caroline	Mildenhall
Lara Jayne	Dixon
Maria	Wakeling
Philip	Hall
Denise	Weitnauer
Larissa	Marchant
Mary	Heferen-faulkner
Peter	Rudyj
Deborah	Raphael
Janelle	Muddle
Paul	Stathakis
Zoe	Bryant
Mike	Zeederberg
Jenny	Campbell
Shannon	Skipsey
Amanda	Ewin

I am an American presently living in Australia, and I find the price of books here to be shocking! I did not realize why they were so expensive.

Ruth	McConnell
Robert	Egan
Samantha	Blair
Russell	Shiel
Helen	Kana
William	Rhodes
Nancy	Coleman
Suzanne	Meachran
Helen	Katsinis
Peter	Bui
Laura	Crichton
Gavin	Carrick-Allen
Maryanne	Leavey
Karen	Ambler
Madelaine	Van Rooyen
Jin	Loh
Nola	Wallace
Jacky	Murphy
Harriet	Cartwright
Blake	Dobe

I'm a book lover and because they are expensive I can not buy as many as I'd like to so bring on the Cheaper Books Campaign!.

Cheyenne	Stopp
Carolyn	Potter
Dianne	Wilkinson

i would prefer to buy from an Australian company employing Australian workers paying Australian taxes, rather than 'paypal'-ing the US or UK book sites I currently purchase most books through Amazon as the price is significantly cheaper - even after postage and the exchange rate. I would support Australian stores if they were competitive.
don't greedy, you make enough money already

Dave	Newdick
Joseph	Ales
Susanna	Zaleski
Coral	Petkovich
Lucy	Stokes

Michele Harris
Arnold Wong
Laura Crilly
Lesley Kirk
Jacqueline Lester
Alisa Lewis
Sabina Zadro
Cara Groves
Ray Gillies
Lynn Hooper
Tamara Daus
Jade Alsop
Heidi Huynh
Maya Drew
Graham Daniels
Peter Szkola
Damien Kelton
Gavan Chan
Vivian Chan

I love to read but it cost to much to get the books that aren't in store yet.

Books are vital to the process of reading. Children may learn well with computers but there is nothing like curling up on a sunny day, under a tree with a book. Can you really take a computer to bed? Books should be available at the lowest possible price.

Jean Stokes
Melissa Brylewski
Peter Birksmith
Sara Squadrito
Mel Bell
Ting Dai
Neil MacLeod
Kerry Limbert

This is something I genuinely feel strongly about.

Yes I definately support your efforts to bring cheaper books onto the Australian market, thanks for this oppertunity. A R Barrie 16 April 2009

Arthur Russe Barrie
Joanne Whyte
Noreen Wurdemann
Yuanlin Zhu
Tamika Santos
Graeme Blick
Julie Jenkins
Judith Priestley
Diva Abrahamian
Tommy Iskandar
Veenita Menon
Clive Whelan
Catherine Knight
Paul Wallace
Matt Combe
Karen Nickels
Rebecca Kristanti
Barbara Rowland
Judy Hsieh
Elaine Mulvogue
Alexander Rosalion
Megan Doherty
Min Hu
Kellie Singh
Nikola Sharp
Natasha Panagis

goodluck.

MORE BOOKS!!

Jasmine Daniel
Marilyn Scott

Having lived in both Canada and the U.S it is extremely frustrating to come back to Australia and not be able to pay a similar price for the same paperback book.

Suzanne Mansell
John Oeltjen
Robert Mills
Stefanie Barclay
Michaela Morcom
Nikita Nguyen
John Wong
Anne Jin
Alan Roberts
Meghan Leo
Dolores Tacuri

I am English I think that books are much cheaper in the UK. I think books are too expensive in Australia and I support the campaign for cheaper books here.

Katherine Matterson
Karen Richardson
Wendy Harrison
Pamela Noel
Erin Hannah Kendall
Jen St Jack
Carolyn Preece
Nathalie Appels

We need to remove the restrictions or like myself, many will continue to use US markets to buy the same book at a lower cost even with the postage fees, it is cheaper to import many high profile books at lower prices.

Sylvia Lang
Zoe Foden Bell
Peta Dunbar
Stella Coffey

There are not similar restrictions on other imports, eg clothing. This restriction for the purpose of orderly marketing is an unnecessary restraint on trade.

Graham Costello
Lynn Ward
Kay Munn
Kathryn Mckenzie
Gillian Stephenson
Liam Smith
Antonia Champion
Suzanne Porritt
Sue Tribe
David Keyt
Gina Sidhu
Inez Maurer
Pamela Gayl Garcia
Michael Fischer
Leonie Corver
Kerry Wrout
Alina Ronda
James Zeng

What happened to free trade??

Thanks to dymocks for taking the time and energy to make this happen

Jason Chun
Liam Smith
Suzanne Henderson
Dilshan Karunamoorthy
Kaitlyn Bond
Phillip Relf

BOOKS ARE IMPORTANT AS KIDS ONLY PLAYS COMPUTER GAMES AND THEY SUCK AT READING!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I have lived for several years in the United States where books are less expensive and therefore more accessible to more people. I am appalled at the price of books in Australia. This is not the way to encourage people to read more. Books are becoming simply irrelevant to many people because there is so much available electronically on the internet. This is a very sad situation, and one wonders what the effect will be on future generations. Books need to be MORE accessible and less expensive to EVERYONE.

Glenys	Murrell
Russell	Goulding
Katrina	Wong
Mary	Emrose
Wendy	Stewart
Anthony	Trembath
Tracey	Louden
David	Hona
Christine	Goddard
Patricia	Sleator
Virginia	Henry
Robert	Daniels
Nicole	Wright
Susanna	Herold
Vicky	Kennard
Jean	Roche
Deborah	Devlin
Joy	Yo
Jude	Johnson
Mike	Slingsby
Sonya	O'Farrell
Paul	Bailey
Lakis	Michael
Lyn	Ireland
Kate	Hancock
Mary	Edwards
Jayne	Diver
Margaret	Badham
Chaza	Ferdaws
Cindy	O'Neill
Margaret Gw	Nield
Angela	Walden

Not really, I just support what you are doing. Late reply due to illness.

Well done Dymocks for promoting this campaign which I imagine will not make you popular with many other interest groups in Australia. I would suggest we need to 'bring on the competition' and see what sort of imaginative solutions come in response. Protectionism never seems to work!

Books are such a necessary part of our lives. If the books were cheaper I would be able to buy more for my grand children. It is so important for children to read. I wholeheartedly support this petition.

Elizabeth	Roberts
Yvonne	Sherriffs
Charissa	Eethyvoulos
James	Newman
Robert	Donaldson
Judy	Dredge
Ann	Simmenauer
Jane	Height
Bernadette	Mulraney
Sharon	Fan
Maureen	Mckay
Rachel	Tebbett
Regan	Guthridge

It is often cheaper to buy books directly from the USA through Amazon than buying them from Australian booksellers. This is a situation that the Government should be remedying, not exacerbating.

John Franze
George Harris

I wholeheartedly support the Coalition for Cheaper Books Campaign and the prospect of purchasing literature at a much more affordable price.

Barbara Calcraft
Robert Dear
Sweton Stewart
Rowena Edwards
Christopher Bentley
Katryna Curteis
Gayle Germann
Helen Facy

Reading is an essential part of our education system, and a very important part is being able to access that reading at the most affordable cost. The removal of restrictions on parallel importation will provide a level playing field for all and increase the opportunities for learning and leisure.

Kenneth James
Christine Alway

*PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR RECORDS ARE UPDATED TO MY CURRENT ADDRESS - NO LONGER *PROSPECT. THANK YOU.

Carolyn Angas
Natasha West
Maureen Steele
Peter Wolfgram

I am happy to support your petition however I have never lived in 249 Johnston Street, Fitzroy VIC. which was shown in the above
Hope it goes well!

Julie Manwaring
Katie Burgess
Pei-jung Wang
Nicholas Butcher
Fi Masina
Belinda Bull

Let's aim for a more well read society.

I travel to the USA to visit family, about every 2 years, and come home with suitcases full of gorgeous books to read, they are so AFFORDABLE over there !!! I want to be able to buy so many more books HERE for my children to learn to read and love books. I don't understand why books are so EXPENSIVE in Australia. The cheaper they are, the MORE I buy. Please help reduce the price of books. thank you.

Megan Heerding
Warwick Mcfadden
Susan Gribble
Alice Terrill
Julie Jones
Bernadette Phu
Melinda Kovac
Mario Bonanno
Toby Nieboer
Shankari Wijendra
Lisa Darbyshire-roberts
Jessica-ivan: Babic
Allan Lummis
Denise Gatsios
Helen Janes
Caz Hedley
Peter Kane
Natalie Gulbis
Debbie Hilton
Rhiannon Bice
Prue Williams
Kathy White

bring it on.

ABOUT TIME!

I LOVE BOOKS!

Lee	Vereschildt	
Natalie Mary	Khong	Yes I support this
Lili	Beirne	
Wendy	Jones	
Samantha	Winter	
June	Harding	
Jennifer	Pagliasso	People should be able to read and enjoy all books at the cheapest possible price !!
Alvine	Mulligan	
Ian	Jones	
Anna	Beresford	
Sara	Matulovic	
Louise	Southwell	
Anne	Currenti	
Ann	Worcester	
Ricardo	Chang	
Steven	Barrett	how about using ssl? I didnt appreciate after clicking your email link seeing my name and address all appearing in the url request parameters! I love reading and am the 'book aunty' to my great nieces and nephews. I think it is important that such an important item is kept at a reasonable price, to keep kids reading and not constantly playing computer games.
Glenda	Solta	
Jo-Anne	Robinson	
Melanie	Todd	
Eileen	Li	
Leonie	Mcculloch	
Jenny	Duong	
Lucy	Velkos	
Vincent	Roberts	In these difficult economic times people need the opportunity and encouragement to be able to pay less for their books as a means of cheaper entertainment and pursuit of knowledge.
Alison	Hoffmann	
Stuart	Shinfield	
Sabine	Gratwick-Sarll	
Rupal	Patel	
Bree	Webb	
Lisa	Mcgarrigle	
Robin	Winton	
Fleur	McMillan	
Rachel	O'Connell	I buy them from Amazon USA anyway, bad for balance of trade & environment (transport & package). A consumer can purchase direct from UK, USA, etc. (and save money). Why not give book sellers the same opportunity, and hopefully reduce the price of books in stores.
John	Rohde	
Natasha	Coen	
Paul	Ng	Totally support this.
Dorothy	Miller	
Yerin	Kang	
Layla	Morris	Books are terribly overpriced, and have gone up in price disproportionately in the last 10 years. Anything that improves the publics access to a wide range of publications can only be a good thing for society. Why should hollywood trash be subsidised and quality writing remain so expensive?
Van My	Nguyen Dang	
Simmons	Waddell-gil	
Neil	Bill	cheaper books means more readers and better literacy levels hopefully
Silvia	Shin	
Jann	McLennan	
Andrea	Morello	

Alice	Kay
Rodrigo	Altaf
Wilma	Bullella
Wilma	Bullella
Kate	Robertson
Stuart	Waller
Kathryn	Tuppurainen
Peter	Carr
Glenn	Thomson
Katarina	Stillitano
Frances	Fisher
James	Brouwer
Maggie	Scott

I was recently on a flight with an american tourist next to me, he could not believe the price we were paying for a softcover book, it was over three times the price that he would pay for a book in the US. How about we stop limiting access to books by only those that can afford it and make it more affordable to the general public.

Rodrigo	Olguin
Derek	Murray
Josie	De lonno
Renee	Austin
Pelin	Telli
Mercedes	Manning
Donna	Pearce
Rebecca	Dolan
Sharlene	Robinson
Rachel	Thomas
Alexandra	Kirk
Maureen	Hawes
Marie-Louise	Read

It is vital to the current and future generations of this country to be able to read more books. Access to cheaper books is one very important aspect of encouraging the enjoyment of reading. I support this petition.

Mary	Lamprecht
Ethel	Tillinger

When it can be cheaper to buy a book through an on-line dealership such as Amazon, one has to wonder what the future holds for Australian bookstores, like Dymocks? The removal of restrictions on parallel importation of books can only benefit all booklovers, both dealers and readers.

Penny	Bowen
Cassie	Edman
Ian	Carroll
Christine	Acreman
Karen	Loane
Kayla	Lee
Zhaokai	Chan

The restriction is unjust and ridiculous; importing books is almost always cheaper for Australian customers than buying locally. Here, books are often two or three times the price of a CD or DVD these days; it's no wonder people choose TV over literature! I also agree that making a '12 month limit' is a political nonsense that would not benefit consumers in any way.

Matt	Taylor
Colin	Lewis
Kim	James
Leanne	Barton
Christina	Burke
Tara	Bartlett
Ian	Kelsall
Anita	Nayar
Jane	Sutton - Brown

YES I AGREE

I just bought 2 Daily Planet s from Dymocks today and was not expecting to pay 100 dollars so I am definately in favour of cheaper books. They're great to read and as a gift.

Inga Walker
Annie Duong
Chris Cocks
Shane Hall
Katrina Sebastian
Lee Watson
Becky Kable
Pauline Sinclair
Robert John McGarn
Alison Noble
Debra Condon
Justin Bray
Caroline Lewis
Louise Walsh
Susan McBean

I feel there is nothing to say. The service is good but it is sometimes hard to get text books in the nearest stores because it is always running out!

Indra Vellasamy
Pamela Richards
Anna Moon
Greg Clarke
Suzanne Roberts
Younjee Shon
Teagen May
Sang Yong Lee

We urge the government to be true to the principles of liberalism and help reduce the price of worthwhile, international publications for our children and future generations. Thank you

Panduka Dasanayake
Vanessa Orr
Belinda Caunt
Amy Williamson
Rachael Bryce
Lindsey Storey
Amanda Earle
Stuart Telfer
Mei-ning Lin
Sarah Fusco
Andrew Orel
Mark Faithfull

A good quality book doesn't need to be expensive.

Financial crisis. Rise in unemployment. Banks refusing to pass on interest rate cuts. Luxuries such as books will be the first to go from peoples' spending. Remove the restrictions or else there will be warehouses full of books unable to find homes - and book wholesalers will not be able to make as much \$\$\$\$. And if book distributors are unable to sell as much then they will have less profits - and if they have less profit then the GOVERNMENT GETS LESS TAX!!!

Robert Tornatore
Robyn Weir
Jo Dawe
David McDonald
Alison Mckay

The gift of reading is something that every person should be able to enjoy. However, the high cost of books makes it prohibitive for many. Reducing the cost of books will make them more accessible to those who can't afford them easily

Debbie Whitford
Lyn Johnson
Cali Gallop
David Campese

Penny
Randall

Bond
Barry

It should be the right of ALL Australians to be able to afford to read good books whenever and wherever they want to and not be restricted due to the price.

Valmai
Jerelyn
Janet
Sue
Karon
Vicki
Laura
Anita
Mal
Kate
Luisa
Debra
Nicole
Pamela
Yelsha
Christine
Benita

Joyce
Tierney
Collins
Raghavan
Sibbritt
Mcauley
Ko
Jorgensen
Toase
Wauchope
Daley
Van Der Smissen
Grove
Smith
Raguine
McLaren
Ranzon

I fully support the coalition for cheaper books

Julie
Cindy
Amanda
Chantel
Tanya
Minh
Brian
Lorraine
Jana
Greg
Robyn
Sally
Emily
Kuldeep
Heidi
Frances
Ana
Andrew
Natalie
Benazir
Zenon
Wendy
Silvana
Raine
Kim
Kim
Ella
Tania
Sarndi
Debra
Toni
Katie
Rhonda

Sincock
Cui
Boman
Fathers
Spiteri
Nguyen
Thompson
McEntee
Hoffmann
Weiss
Turner
Richter
Bek
Kiwalkar
Spalding
Memory
Ferreira
Hunwick
Cheong
Anwar
Gruba
Liu
Zennaro
Lee
Low
Low
Sheedy
Shephard
Addison
Hallett
Salvemini
Yealland
Bes

Until this is rectified I will continue to buy many of my books from overseas booksellers, which seems a huge loss of opportunity for Australian retailers.

Please reduce book prices to allow this country to become the clever country

Please consider cost of books - literacy is so important.

William
Heather

Peoples
Mercer

I believe that you are doing something very important to make things fairer to all book readers.

Peter Mann
Terasa Fletcher

I cannot afford the current price of best seller books in this country. I generally have to wait until they end up in a second hand bookshop.

Breannan Hepburn
Jacob Harrison

I buy few new books because I find many of them to be far to expensive. If they were cheaper I would definitely buy books more often.

Patrick Ryan
Josephine Muscat
Louise Coy
Philip Macaulay
Lyn Newman
Barbara Behan
Kerri- Lee Halas
Stephanie Demetrios
Emily du Toit
Ai Mei Yap
Natalie Healey
John Passlow
James Innes
Nicole Goulter
Ru Hong Chua
Meg Smith
Joseph Sanj: Ma

We have been paying far too much for books, it is cheaper to buy them off the net from overseas, good luck with the campaign.

cheaper books with cheaper materials and will last long enough for a collection
A successful nation needs to be a literate nation. By discouraging people from reading, doing their own research or finding things out for themselves, the next generation are at the whim of whatever group wants to give them an opinion. To allow books to be too expensive for the casual reader we actively encourage them to stop reading, to stop learning and even to stop forming their own opinions. Cheaper books makes literature more accessible thereby combating the ignorance that allows people to be taken advantage of.

Kevin O'Neill
Kylie Dam
Heather McCall
Ewan Croal
Stephen Toohey

Go for it. I yearn for cheaper books. I wouldalso like to see a wider selection of authors and titles available over here. Whenever I visit the UK I am surprised of exactly how many authors we do not get to enjoy.

Susan Bennett
Maree Stokes
Kym Machin
Janet Gray

Reading would be even more wonderful if books were more accessible to more people.

Tricia Franklin
Ariel Giron
Emma Kinnon
Andrea Sharp
Kim Nguyen
Jacqueline Lim
Amanda Sharpe
Akka Constantin
Brian Andrews
Chris McIntyre

Cheaper books would allow the less fortunate to partake in reading which would assist the education of the majority.

Nola Humphrey
Janelle Cowell
Megan Beer
Marita Wimmer

Anita Tran
Jared Robinson
Jaime Long
Dai Thomas
Dominique Coy
Liyin Goh
Andrew Berlin
Kathy Ryan

For too many years I've been astounded by the high price of books in Australia.
This has to be the best thing since sliced bread!!

David del Blondo
Adrienne Hamilton
Adrienne Hamilton
Daniel O'Rourke
Bruce Savage

Why bother with hardbacks? If all publishers did away with this anachronism, the average cost and price of books would be lower.

Colleen Littler
John Fowler
Kumi Sato
Chloe Yap
Julie Bransby
Maria Tezel
Shirley L
Pauline Leonard
Deb Lennon

Reading is one of the joys of my life, and my 88 year old mother still loves reading as well. It would be wonderful to be able to purchase books at a more reasonable price and I wish you good luck in your campaign.

Hazel Tai
Judy Lunnay
Peter O'Malley
Kim Sharratt
David Ritchie

It is important to allow cheaper books to be imported into Australia as most students studying at Tertiary level find the cost of Textbooks and reference books outside their budget.

Jennie Hall
Rick Browne
Errol Preston
Melanie Vandenberg
Elizabeth Rodrigues
Kasia Wawrzykowska
Patricia Hamilton
Vicki Thomson
Carla Reed

In China they burnt books to stop people learning so they could control the people. In Germany they did the same thing by destroying and burning books to control the people throughout the war years. By having the restrictions of parallel importation it is doing the same thing just in another way. **PEOPLE HAVE THE RIGHT TO BUY AND READ WHAT THEY WANT AT A FAIR AND REASONABLE PRICE ALONGSIDE OTHERS IN THE WORLD.**

Shirley Murray
Brian Lau
Jennifer Williams
Sheila Sukmadja
Kai Zhu
Andrew Smith
Peter Milliken
Maria Ladera
Charles Johr Clements
William Callan

I would love to buy books more frequently both for myself and for my grandchildren and would do so if the books were a bit more affordable.

Zarina Cirkic
Anthony Pepper
Karen Penman

i support any initiative fro reducing book prices especially childrens / teenage book prices

Andy Lucey
Shelley Page
Stacey King
Joanne Jennings
Keira Thompson
Angela Nicolaou
Emma Margison
Charles Chiam
Bindi Hogan

Many people may say "If you don't want to pay so much for books, go to a library" Well our public libraries are so understocked that I'm forced to buy them, and I would much rather have cheaper books over an expensive book or a long library wait list. Thankyou for the creation of this coalition.

Samantha Kingston
Helen Malseed
Denise Hoar
Stella Norberti
Val Manera
Sifei Zhu
Lidia Callea
Susan Thomson
Oliver Godwell
Dillon Cheah
Beatrice De Aguilar
Carolyn Ellin
Georgina Green
Mark Mahoney
Josephine Moss

We consumers have been ripped off for quite some time. It is time all these barriers are removed if WE ARE TO BE THE CLEVER COUNTRY.

Kevin De Arbrew
Vinh Quang Tran
Derek Mullins

As an avid reader, I would be happy to see the prices of books reduced then I wont have to go to the library

Judith Ware
Angela Walters
Shauntai Delgado
Chris Burton
Christopher Fitzsimons
Emma Griffiths
Leita Beehag
Katie Nimmo
Wendy Hourigan
Gavin Cooper
Vicki Copping
Katherine Franks

If it's cheaper to buy the dvd instead of the book, why would you read? Cheaper books please! Might encourage more people to pick one up who would otherwise walk on by.

Kelly Hutton
Eileen Chung
Emma Oldman
Stella Male
Neil Ollerenshaw

Government should encourage residents to read via effective management structure, not restrictions to add price in our interlecture investment.

Shu Xian Fan

James Chuang
Kerry Sainsbury

I agree wholeheartedly that books should be made cheaper to make them more accessible to people. Who wants to spend \$50+ on a book when they can get most of the info they need from the internet?

Simon Harwood
Ken Vi
Catriona Bruce
Velda Perkins
Tanya Bennetts
Jane Mccue
Jennifer Bradstreet

Anything that makes books easier to obtain, yes please

Scott Fitzsimons
Kathleen Westlake
Lingyun Ye
Julie Johnson
Chantelle Westlake
Susan Warth
Margaret Kelly
Urania Sideris
Khim GanDean
Suet Low
Elizabeth Treglown
Michelle Richter
Leanne Thorpe
Velda Perkins
Chiara Foeken
Bill Zhang
Amita Monterola
Ericka Flores
Nima Espahani
Fang Jun Li
Noella Fenelon
Hong Ngo
Kai Zhong
Michelle Boekelaar
Helen Koulmandas
Paula Brinsmead
Janice Hartley
Claire Pearse
John Murphy
Maja Csaky
Daniel Marchant
Marina Pisera
Patricia Jones
Vicki Frydman
Rena`e Jones
Mark Lang
Samantha Chomyc
Marco Anton Moya
Jacqueline Brightman
Julie Oliynyk
Ron Clarke
Rob Coll
Diccon Vokins
Rachael Zielinski
Julie Nou

People should pay for quality information. Don't let the internet kill the printed page.

It is important and essential that books should, where possible, be made available to everyone at more competitive prices. For this reason I support the Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Bill Humphries
Jocelyn Luong
Amy Clissold
Meridith Isbell
Choule Your Kum
Jan Braid
Susan Greening
Lingyun Ye
Tegan Newton
Celia Neophytou
Andrea Ballesteros

I believe in fair trade but I also believe in supporting and protecting Australian retailers

Pat Borgardt
Peter Kelly
Dean Capp
Brooke Cripps

Stop letting multi-nationals ripping us off!

Elly Earl
Andrea Cobb
Petah Martin
Robert Moyle
Deb Moran
Peter Langton
Gillian Clayton
Nicole Schemionek
Victoria Richardson
Kate Marsden
Margaret Winter
Brenda Burr
Nicola Lee
Wenwen Xie
Glynda Bernardo
Rowland Pearce
Kellie Kemp
Sophia Tan
Rosemary O`Sullivan

Books are food for the mind, and what is more important than ones mind? The joy of books should be cheaper!!!

Cheaper books!!

During my low-income, student days in Canada I bought considerably more books than I do now, chiefly because I am put off by the unreasonable prices here in Australia. If books became cheaper I believe I would end up spending more money in bookstores -- not less.

Allen Nugent
Stefania Scarcella
Teresa Nappi
Suzanne Wood
Tina Harb
Susanne Rogers
Graeme Inglis
Cathy Dodd
Carol Kinross
Marie-Louise Kudnig
Norma Smith
Rosslyn Almond
Sian Ford
Jennifer Gotz Papillo
Jessica Catanzaro
Shannon Kjeldsen

I do agree with Dymocks' petition, because with lesser restrictions and lower books' prices, this petition will help all those, like myself, to continue to enjoy a large variety of books as well as our favorite ones. Yours sincerely Dolores Andrews.

Dolores Andrews
Gillian Walters
Lauren Wood
Michael Ramsey
Sarah Calder

I do agree with Dymocks' petition, because with lesser restrictions and lower books' prices, this petition will help all those, like myself, to continue to enjoy a large variety of books as well as our favorite ones. Yours sincerely Dolores Andrews.

Dolores Andrews
Lynley Billman
Anthony Schueller
Jessica F
Kimberly Chung
Susanne Fraser
Tracy Mcdonald
Veronica Wilkinson
Martin Garton
Sheren Hamed

We currently buy books online and would prefer to purchase locally and thus avoid high international shipping charges.

Christina Daly
Pamela Yeatman
Stephen Hocking
Mike Bysouth
Sam Meyerson
Stephanie Brierley
Stephen Hocking
Phyllis Luu
Leonie Devries
Sue Margrave
Anne Martin
John Meyer
Terry Jin
Norelle Kasberger
Marcia Jolly
Darryl Jenkinson
Chuck Smeeton

Valda Muller
It seems ridiculous that it is possible to buy books so much more cheaply from USA than in Australia

The pricing stats on pages 7 and 8 of the Dymocks submission to the Productivity Commission seem compelling as are the claims that, with the internet, the competition playing field needs to be levelled. Price and service to consumers should be the guiding principles of an unfettered trade. Andrew Smith Publisher FremantleHerald/Perth Voice 41 Cliff Street, Fremantle WA 6160

Andrew Smith
Jennifer McBride

For those who travel overseas, it is clear that books in Australia are over priced. Please do something to fix this situation. Reading helps sustain the clever country.

Chris Miller
Toni Sorensen
Neil Waller
Kathy Horn
Jessica Calpak
Annemarie Laurence
Peter Newland

Anna Conca
Ian Farley
Hyo Jin Lee
Marg Noonan
James Richardson

Why shouldn't we have the opportunity to have cheaper books made available?

Tom Mclean
Catriona McPhee
Julie Russo
Catherine Beaven
Kylie Fleming
Narelle Giles
Andrea Drummond
Aaron Berry
Kerrell Morris
Lily Maras
Lynn Wood
Asha Pomery
Pene Gniel
Stephanie Davidson
Thomas Britz
Claire Kermond
Wendy Chen
Philip Bloomfield
Lois Outjers
Marion Egli
Jaimee Maher
Jenny Burr
Kerry Young
Carol Alessio
Avon O'Connor

I firmly believe that restrictions on parallel importation of books is an imposition on the booklovers of Australia.

Tarryn Ryan
Julie Dewis
Hannah Pilypas
Sarah Gow
Judy Hamer
Binh Khuu
Ian Mcleod
Colleen Palmer
Nathan Lissiman
Nicole Williams
Don Montefiore
Rachel Jean McMenamin
Matthew Staker
Maiko Angeli Sentina
Michael Maconachie
Lynne Sanders
Rachel Birkin
Irene Montefiore

If books were more affordable, maybe more people would buy and read them. You have my support

Books are Life

Jane MacIntyre
Peter Vlaciky
Joanne Adams

I can't believe paper backs are so expensive - as expensive as hard covers used to be - with such POOR quality

Angela Luke
Chantelle Westlake

Bearing in mind the state of our economy, it makes sense for Australian booksellers to have the opportunity to compete fairly with other countries.

Fiona Skivington
Sui Fun Lee
Paul Wroblewski
Zsolt Platthy
Shannon Mcaleese
Jemima Bell
Courtney Bennell
Emily Caleo
Alan Weaver
Catherine Newton

keep books great for australain people not just the rich and famous who probably can't read anyway.

Jenni Walker
Margaret Marchant
Matthew Howie

Reading is so important for adults as well as children - if more people were encouraged to read and could afford to buy books our nation's literacy and numeracy would improve dramatically. Books should be as accessible and affordable, if not more so, as any other form of entertainment. Please help us to educate our children for a lower cost, help us to find relaxing downtime without resort to drugs and alcohol, help us to better our nation. Thank you.

Shauna Mollineaux
Breda Triffett
Neil Macdonald
Anne Symons
Aeron Rook
Lori Wallace-willand
Robert Schipp
Jose Cunna
Nidhi Derrick
Rebecca Watson
Gonaseelan Govender

Can we all try to promote reading that is affordable, this will assist literacy and people who can hold a conversation

Pauline Blaney
Henry Wong
Natasha Vasan
Gonaseelan Govender
Briarna Hendley
Mary Cenacchi
Jessica Parker
Carmel Roscoe
Donna Cash
Andrew Wells
Lucia Cooper
Jane Suckling
Esther Somerville
Kate Royans
Debbie Scrivener
Mark Hosking

Margaret Waters

Please do what ever is necessary to enable people like myself to still be able to afford to purchase good reading matter.

I lived in the UK and bought so many more books over there due to the price. I ended up spending more than I do here, simply because the price was more appealing. I think if it was to be brought in in Australia we would have a huge increase in book sales and bring more money into our economy.

Carli Hood
Sean Dooley
Sora Yang
Audrey Chong
Anne Dunstan

Wendy Honeyman
Nicholas D'Apice

I feel that when books are expensive then the whole of society pays. Australia should be a community of readers. Libraries could buy more books if they were cheaper and so service disadvantaged areas more effectively. It is part of the education revolution (otherwise it is merely the education reversal).

Trina Glover
Carol Auld

Anything which can help reduce the price of books will make reading more attractive to younger readers. This could help improve the literacy of children in the fine country.

Yumna Kassab
Venita Williams
Jennifer Crust
Glenys Roberts
Emma Watson
Lyn Kane
Helen Falkingham
Georgina McNamee
Helen Sibbritt
Robert Henderson
Mandy Reed
Susan Williams
Kearn Song
Shaar Christian
Jyotinder Singh
Craig Boscoe
Tamsin Gavranic

As a former UK resident, I am horrified by the relative expense of books in Australia compared to the UK and US. As a medium already under pressure from other media types, eroded country borders from online shopping and strong competition for every dollar, surely it is time to remove these restrictive practises in order to make Australian suppliers as competitive as possible.

Les Williams
Bill Zardoukas
Vanessa Madden
Georgina Halliday
Alison Horn
Kelly Bray
Glenda Saliba
Stuart Murnain
Jacqueline Witt

Cheaper is the right thing for everyone. Everyone deserves to be able to afford a good book.

Andrea Heming
David Fuh
Marianne Burch
Amy Ha
Janet Small
Meredith Warner
Nikki White
Amy Noble
Kathy Tarte
Maria Kyriagis
Jennifer Chau
Jerome Chiew
Julie Jordan
Kellie Blakely
Sue Margrave
Emma Johnstone
Vicki Konstantinidis

Loretta Miller
Jill Donaldson
Sumita Jordan
Robyn McLean
Monique King
Shirley Ma

Something that can cut the price of getting/spreading knowledge has to be introduced.

Laeq Hamid
Nona Stanley
Sandra Kipp
Yolanda Van Zyl
Julia Kermode
Angela Butler
Dagmar Marecek
Anh Vu
Melissa Mclean
Teresa Rogers
Rachel Lincoln-Gomm
Danielle Ogilvie
Hamish Riddell
Sandra Treloar
Ailsa Nicholson
Leeann Teale
Rachel Armstrong

i hope you can get this done as i had to order a from overseas and payed a lot to get them sent to me good luck and all the best regards tony stone

Anthony Stone
Felicity Cecil
Rachel Gomm

Books are the lifeblood of our learning, our spirit, our histories....without them, we would not have evolved in the way we have. I am an ex librarian, and have seen the wonderful ways that books can help people, and just instill in many a love of peace and quiet contemplation. Without books, the world would be an even busier more stressful place. Please continue to allow books to be purchased, and not put them out of the reach of the everyday person. Even I am now having to limit the books I buy, this shouldn't happen. Children especially need to be able to have access to books from an early age.

Vicki Lovell
Tara Brown
Sandy Lamb

Let us keep some of the money in Australia instead of people having to order online from overseas.

Deborah Brine
Melissa Luu
Clifford Dalzell
Lynette Taylor
Emma Woodroofe

Cheaper books provides for more affordable books for everyone which results in higher opportunities for literacy!!!

Anna Sounantha
Diana Dalzell
Virginia Mata
Michael Currie
Carmester Palencia
Eva Vlachos
Kathleen Ryan
Diana Danila
Jennifer Magee
Donna Goodman

We need to be able to read more not just for enjoyment but education but books have gotten too expensive. Cheaper books need to be available to all.

Christine Mitchell

Barbara Hunt
Jodie Hartley
Scott Jackman
Carol Young
Marja Rochedale
Rosemary Davey
Vincent Banh
Jacquie Baker
Marie-emma Macdonald

Just think how many more people would regularly buy books if they were more affordable! I know i would buy more...

Let's encourage people to read!!

Books should be affordable and available to all as they are the most common form of knowledge and entertainment; any reduction in price is welcome.

Nicholas Kenney
Mike Sherar
Damien Boulton
Julie Spurrier
Barbara Hunt
Lucas Tucker
Kathryn Ralph
Philip Britton
Jennifer May
Kerry Reid
Stephen Whittle

I am support about this..

It would be great to be able to buy books at a cheaper price, it certainly would encourage me to purchase more!

Marie Robertson
Mischa Quilty
Lois Jeffery
Annerliegh Parkinson
Jennifer Halil
Katherine Adsett
Antoinette Gibson
Janine Modaro
Andrew Tindal-davies
Christine Hopkins
Belinda Corner
Teresa Squillacioti
Alison Jane Hayes
Itvinder Mankoo
Judith Juhasz
Rebecca Jarrett
Lynette Deboer
Samantha Elson
Susan Smith
Steve Doorey
Rebecca Gittos
Karen Williamson
Mark Angove
Hilary Hutchinson
Craig Waldon
Leslie Krake
Gail Kitchin

Disadvantaged children and families need access to cheaper books.

Helen Laidlaw
Emma Baird
Jeanette Macgregor
Denise Gardner
Alison Maloney
Lesley Thompson

When I travel overseas I am appalled by the difference in price of books but feel guilty to bring books home and not support our local booksellers.
We should do everything in our power to encourage and support reading!!!

Patricia Fountain
Samantha Henshaw
Robin Newton
Deborah Lloyd
Karen Galloway
Lorena Rodriguez
Victoria Yu
Angela Burgett
Michelle Kendrick
Marie Brook
Lillith Blomley
Tam Truong
Gizelle Sonneman

Competition can only help people buy more as items are cheaper make it so!!!!

Good luck!!!

Yes on cheaper books! Right now I have had to join the library, and buy second hand books since buying them outright is a bit out of my price range. I love shopping at Dymocks and would welcome cheaper books in the future!

Jennifer McKenzie
Olwyn Kelly
Tieu Thanh Pham
Debbie Mcgrath
Kim Simmons
Fahua Pan
Melissa Coomans
Paul Shannon
Andrew Friebel
Candy Yiu

Literacy and access to literature and all published information are a right of every individual, not a luxury. Let's encourage all agegroups to be able to buy books cheaply, regularly and locally. We should encourage competition, cheaper prices, better availability and better choices, with the removal of the restrictions on parallel importation of books.

Anne Evans

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Anne Evans

The drop in the Australian exchange rate is resulting in even higher prices for books. Pre GST paperbacks were about \$10 now they seem to be over \$25. The increases for specialist books are even higher.

Christine Forbes
Gayl Galbraith
Tessa Laing
Dwayne Bicknell
Susan Wakeham
Barbara Bos
Sonja Zele
Kerry Jane Simons
Eric Tunc

Booklovers will always buy books and cheaper books would bring back the accessibility of books to new generations and possibly even help avert illiteracy in this country. I was shocked to discover on my last trip the USA that new books cost less than half the price that we pay here for books that are more than 6 months old and still not reduced. It's an appalling state of affairs, like Australia is on it's own planet. It's time to bring Australia into this century.

Nely Dacunha
Andris Karklins
Bob Hartley
Nicole Wilkins
Kay Oxenham
Leanore Aro

I would like access to cheaper books as I like to buy and own my own books. Some of the books I would like to buy are just too expensive. This my reason for supporting this petition.

Frank Lane
Hilary Button
Mary Anne Gessner
Christopher Maduok
Sarah Thomas
Deniese Ware
Helen Perna
Maria Manning
Selina Gullotto
Amanda Bergamin
Stephen Haller

Dear brother and sisters it is good idea to prved the books for the people

This is a great initiative so people can buy affordable books. Thus it encourages children and adults to be able to indulge in books more and promotes children to learn more.

Cheaper book benefit everyone

Xin Na Zeng
Leo Petrie
Chris Shillabeer
John Dunn
Louie Huang
Sam Falvey
Murray Proctor
Julian Bale
Marija Krsmic
Vivienne Chan
Shirley Poole
Ann Southcott
Natalie Morton
Kylie Sladic
Bronwyn Griffiths
Kerri Court
Susan Edwards
Gregory Quenneville
Helen Zantuck
Gregory Branson

We must make sure that literature is available to all and NOT cost prohibitive

Esteban Mendoza
Sue Alchin
Heather Quenneville
Terry Elkes
Jennifer Powell
Tanja Rac
Jenna Stables

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. Best Regards, Esteban Mendoza

Patricia Peterson
Samantha Whiting
Geoff Huggins
Pauline Grant
Majid Teimouri

I like to read but consider some books too expensive for my budget. Cheaper books, if it is not going to hurt Australian writers must be the way to go.

Louise Tenaglia
Sue Ang
Kate Cadman

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Coreene Kennedy
Dale Goddard
Michelle Lacosegliaz

I'd also like to see GST/VAT removed from books as it is in UK thereby making books even more accessible to people, esp children

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Louise Tenaglie
Michael Addison
Roslyn Devine
Wendy Moodie
Gloria Cho
Sarah Tuckett
Rosalie Scott
Emma Binskin
Madeleine Leftley
Oscar Salcedo
Anne Mayniak
Sara Percsy
Doris Piscopo
Howming Ng
Mark Smith
Carissa Bahr
Heidi Davidson
Suzanne Mcgruer
Paul Shannon

Change of address: Now at: 7 Blount Close, Winthrop

as does my husband

There are alot of books I really love getting my hands on but everytime I see the price tag it kinda puts me off. In the end I will end up buying from Amazon.com with lower price books, however the delivery and handling charges is just way too expensive. In the end, after I average down the cost of the book etc its still cheaper to buy from Amazon provided that I buy in bulk.

Yen Chieh Yeoh
Gyllian Godfrey
Cassandra Hartley
Zara Haining
Debbie Reynolds

I love to read and there is nothing better than to have your own copy.

Reading is one of the greatest pleasures that this world offers, and everyone deserves a chance to to lose herself/himself in a good book. Thanks to Dymocks, and everyone who has signed this petition for supporting reading and writing.

Melynda Genrich
Fiona Lloyd
Michele Liddy
Rhys Ellison
Zena Tatian
Kathleen Beckett
Sue Bufton
Stephanie Gaunt
Cornelia Papierski
Mathew Vickers
Dulcie Winston
James Gribbin
Julie Clee
Angie Chamberlain
Simone Maconachie
Donna Stomp
Kellie Mcfarland
Martin Sharry
Stuart & Jeni Chamberlain
Victoria Ansell
Anne Abbott
David Hinton
Gemma Chamberlain
Jason Brack
Pauline Copcutt

books should be cheaper it would be very handy xD

Shannon	Hercus
Audrey	Bolger
Heather	Hinton
Andrew	Jarvie
Teresa	Bercic
Daniel	Boaden
Natalie	Gresham
Kristy	Dodd
Lewis	Jones
Janine	Fisher
Pamela	Hine
Bridie	O'Reilly
Rebecca	Smithers
Lisa	Du
Sue	Falla
Megan	Richardson
Adrian	Kimber
Shane	Richards
Judith	Ascione
Marco	Chu

Please...we need cheaper books...it will also help encourage kids to read more

Kirit	Ruparelia
Fiona	Jones
Lisa	Rickard
Karen	Leung
Tim	Clark
Debbie	Eccles
Adrian	Kimber
Tiffany	Corbin
DESLEY	MILLER
Leigh	Veper
Heather	Twidale
Kate	Deamer
Shannan	Webb
Gareth	Kameron
Jesre	Stenson
Scott	Carlson
Margaret	Clayton
Lisa	Duggan
Sue	Greig
William	Cochran
Paul	Pryce
Ian	Joel

Removing import restrictions will result in cheaper books. There is likely to be broader choice for consumers. Specific titles and/or specialised publications will be easier and cheaper to obtain.
Reducing the cost of books and literature is long overdue!

Danielle	Brueschke
Long Huy	Nguyen
Trudy	Lisle
Frances	London
Megan	Brearley
Jan	Clemson
Margaret	Prentice
Sandra	Smith
Jayson	Tracey
Marion	Lea
Kathleen	Hayes
Wayne	Martin

Books should be cheap - we need to encourage knowledge and literacy in our community!

Roy Worthington
Belinda Griffiths
Fay Findlay
Bonnie Chan
Jo Newton
Bernadette Wilson
Pamela Reid

This must be a measured type of Importation it must be controlled so that sleazy cheap thrill junk is not allowed to cross the shores of Australia
Good on you Dymocks!

Rodney Brett
Daniel Boyce
Elaine Sander
Joni McCallum
Lela Elphick
Todd Piper

Sue Ellen Mykolayenko

This petition has my full support. As a pensioner who loves to read, I have to budget carefully to buy my favourite books
For the past 8 years, I've been buying books directly from Amazon US. Even with international delivery, the total cost usually comes out at least 20% cheaper than local retail prices. I've even bought Amazon hardcovers that were cheaper than their paperback edition from local booksellers! Kudos to Dymocks for supporting this petition.

Dannie Zarate

As a seasoned international traveller having been overseas 112 times and travelled many countries I am always astounded at the cheaper prices for books from reputable non copyright infringing book sellers compared with the same books in Australia. I have always believed that this is due to the smaller numbers of books sold within Australia through agents with similar cost structures as overseas resellers but with them having much bigger markets both domestically and without restrictions, internationally. The internet provides a great resource which has made huge inroads into book sales especially non fiction. The maintaining of any restrictions within this country is counter productive to the book industry which unless addressed by government will go the same way as clothing, footwear,
Good luck with the petition!

Ian Williams
Catherine Jackson
Lyn Burke
Jessie Cheng
Susan Cotton
Kenneth Lynch
Daniel Stratton
Zoe Liaw
Phillip Schulz
Kane Oostendorp
Beena Devanapalli

If book prices were cheaper I would buy 100's more a year. I am a stay at home mom who has the time and loves reading but they are just too expensive unless I can get them on sale! which isn't very often!!! good luck Australia deserves to be on same playing field as every other country!!!

Rebecca Jackson
Rosemarie Irving

affordable books are important so all can enjoy reading and help maintain literacy especially in this modern digital world.

Marion Matthews
Maddison Mynard
Peter Wicks
Emma Withers

I really want to support Australian businesses but find myself more often than not reluctantly using Amazon etc and importing books myself: this is bad for the environment, Australian businesses and bad for books.

Mark Turner
Emma-louise Gascoine
Kathryn McFarland

The continued existence and availability of printed books is seriously compromised not only by lack of competitive pricing, but by the increasing availability of e-books. E-books will replace printed books if the costs of printed books becomes prohibitive and the market for them declines as a result. Ignoring the fact that most readers enjoy the physicality of printed books, e-books are for many people, difficult to read online and even with a laptop, difficult, if not impossible, to pop into your bag for reading whilst travelling. We need to ensure that printed books do not cease to exist for lack of buyers able to afford them. Cheaper books obviously means more will be sold and so the risk of for the death of printed books will obviously be reduced.

Nicola Gainsford
Justin Wasserman
Chitrarani Wasu
Bernd Faveere
Jacqueline Love
Sean Schurmann
Fiona Christie
Bruce Jones
Anika Prabhu
Alison King
Rosy Townsend
Vivienne Mackie
Lee Ford
Jude Blacklock
Bobbie Pritchard
Jill Robertson

I love books!

Clyde Radford
Loyola Wares
Jenny Baker
Leanne Scott
Sean Wall
Rick Marshall
Elizabeth Curtis
Wendy Nelson
Matt Dale

Dymocks have got it right, so I can only agree completely. Cheers Clyde Radford

Eileen Bibby
Marelle Rogers
Penny Watson
Debra Mcarthur

To Have cheaper books would encourage more people to read particularly younger people which would be a good thing.

About time!!

It would be good to see the prices of imported books fall lower.

All members of my family read a lot and I think it is very important to make books cheaper. May even encourage young people to read instead of being on the computer every day!

Illona Hope
Sayed Daher
Kalee Danieli
Shirley Mundy
Dianne Close
Michele St John
Abdul Alsolamy
Suzanne Sigalas
David Rohl

I am a librarian and buy many books. Cheaper books means more books for all.

Janet Christi Ingleton

Our books are far too expensive. Please remove the restrictions on parallel importation so as more books can be purchased in these hard economic times.

I definitely support it! It would also increase the availability and quality of books we can get from O/S. Eg. Japanese learning books. These have to be ordered online and shipped in, paying the exchange rate and tax again on top of the cost of the book. One of my favourite authors is UK born and bred, and although we stock some of her books, her 'new' release (from 2007) had to be ordered in, took 6-8 weeks and cost a bucketload more than it should've.

Monique Johnson
Donna Vaughan
Barbara Irving
Abby Guanlao
Caroline Cairns
Danika Aifirevich
Melissa Monteleone
Susanne Peroni

Books are the font of knowledge and pleasure, make them cheaper for all!

Angela Mees

It's time for Aussie booklovers to stop being a captive market. With literacy rates a real problem, it is no longer appropriate to be preserving the profits of a few importers at the expense of the public and other entrepreneurs.

Angela Mees
Carolyn Sheridan
Ian Pridham
Sue Brawn

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Stephanie Searancke
Alexa Nguyen

I just love to read and cheaper books, without the authors losing out would be great my daughter and i buy real lot of books in year but it can be a huge it exspense but we wont stop as we love to read! The exspense can just make it limit your choice sometimes!

Paul Elwin
Semsa Canbulat
Lesley O'Leary
Bronwyn Tregenza

This needs to be sorted out otherwise I will use other means to get cheaper books.

Kevin Payne
Diana Halder

Books are the backbone of learning whether they be fiction or non-fiction and whether for education or pleasure. As such cheaper books will enhance that experience and should be a right.

Julie Stava
Duraiappa Giritharan

Access to affordable reading material is a basic human right & I am glad to support an initiative to achieve this goal.

Robert Cannon
Lyn Lewis
Kelly Paton
Marion Nairn

There can be no justification in the long term for the greater benefit of society greater than ensuring the freest flow of good quality information to the people and especially to our students. The 'tax on knowledge' is indefensible in a modern democratic society.

Anthony Harris
Sarah-jane Maunder
Walter Bonfield
Judy Isaacs
Kahli Deangelis
Emma Lee Kim
Tina Law
Glenys Lill
Alison Park
Pamela Harris

Any measures that make books cheaper to buy must be supported by all book lovers.

Joseph Borg
Jennifer Tudor
Nina Wedding

Access to good, reasonably priced books should be available to everyone. If we want our future generations to be well read and literate than what better way than to make reading more affordable to all.

Astrid Hocking
Maria D'Amato
Natasha Petrascu
Lilian Szklarz

Books are essential to the education and enjoyment of all. To have restrictions on their prices is just ridiculous.

Scott Green
Paula Bonfini
Paula Bonfini
Troy Heron

Thank you Dymocks for initiating this campaign - something like this is long overdue.

Jacqui Barnes

Literacy levels in this country need the support of books in the home for students to be immersed in the culture of reading. In this economic climate cheaper books would encourage people to have the material at home so kids can develop the love of reading at an earlier age. Having worked with kids who never see a book at an early age because they cannot afford them shuts them out of developing life long learning.

Jennie Kidd
Thanh Tran
Benjawan Puttarugsa
Thomas Miller

In Australia (known as the 'Lucky Country') we, the general public should be given the same opportunity to buy books from our local bookstore at the equivalent cheaper price that is available to the general public of other countries. I often look on the internet at books that are available to me through overseas booksellers, but I do not purchase these over the internet. If the restriction is removed, it will allow people who do not have access to the internet to purchase these books through their local bookstore. If the price of books is lowered, then the purchase of books will increase with the probability of bringing about an increase in literacy skills.

Maureen Clark
Elizabeth Porter
Yu Gu
Irit Ben-nissan
Gurhan Ertasgin
Chantelle Mancini
Portia Stewart
Wendy Newman
Joanne Mulholland

don't know where you got the address in Ryde from but it is not mine I live in WEST PENNANT HILLS

Judith Powell
Caroline Begbie
Patricia Darcy
Amanda McKenna
Lai So
K Hodgkinson
Judith Holmes
Nikki Burton
Nigel Ebbett
Cheryl Tapper
Jan McKittrick
Elizabeth Sloggett
Dianne Thomas

I support Australian companies selling cheaper books; otherwise I just have to buy them direct from Amazon, and who does that benefit?

stop ripping the readers off!

Ingrid Munn
Paula Thompson
Kaet Lovell
Penny Sykes

it is about time the government started to look after the people that put them there. Everyone is finding things tight, books help shape the minds of our children, our future leaders. With books being so costly many will miss out on the benefits that books provide.

jobie radford
Rhonda Tame
Lincon Dullow
Rory Greig
Marina Van Dyk
Sally Curmi
Sriekesh Tummala
Benjamin Quinn
Catherine Miller
Steven Som
Ruth Doig
Jude Barrow
Raelene Wride
Kitty Porter
Graham Guy
Linda Cruickshank
Zazeh Morifftis
John Letby
Carly Wood
Peter Cassimaty
Kenda Styles
Jane Horrocks
Kim Byrne
Jennifer Van Den Hoek
Peta Willoughby
Jessica Johnston
Marcia Palmieri
Sarah Johinke

cheaper books would be awesome

As an educator of adults we need to ensure that books are accessible to all at as low a cost as is practicable.

Michael Gray
Shane Smith
Sarah Halliburton
Pamela Cronin
Dominique Sciglitano
Paul Forster
Vanessa Robertson
Lindsay Baldwin
Adam Bishop
Michael O'Brien
Belinda Arduca
Terry Pick
David Hesse
Jason Hillier
Michael Assfalg
Anna Walter
Rebecca Waters
Joanna Oliver
Samantha Zerner
Silvana Simmons
Paul Gatt

I WANT CHEAPER BOOKS! DO NOT RAISE THE PRICE OF BOOKS!

Please make books cheaper!

Lena Lee
Anthony Gorell
Sue Parkinson

Dilkhush Reddy

"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader." Kepp our books cheap and accessible to all. Decreasing the retail cost of books will directly increase the GDP of Australia, once the extra books have been read and create a smarter workforce.

Russell Morgan
Clarissa Lamp
Caroline Moir
Deborah Durbin
Nick Ellison
Richard Garland
Barbara Zemanek
Barbara Fox
Gina Flynn

There should be no restrictions on knowledge!

Jesse Lee
Romina Cavallo
Ted Arboleda
Ross Wakem
Kerry Wynn-taylor
Kirsty Forshaw
Annaleis Smyth
Hermione Ward
Peter Twigg
Ella Schamburg
Alison Tilt
Daniel Matthews
Angela Tibbits
Scott Mckenzie
Izabela Adamowicz
Julie-Anne Ellison
Cynthia Simbas
Fernando Herrera
Adrian Dormer
Georgia Barlow
Gail Hagan
Tara Acton
Victoria Hall

Because I like new books... Reading is an expensive hobby... To make it cheaper would be good :)

Please help keep the old fashioned written word alive!!!

Nil

The current restriction on parallel importation has largely contributed to books becoming a luxury item that too few people have the means to indulge in with any degree of regularity. The government of this country should do everything in its power to alleviate such barriers, and encourage more and more Australian adults and children to expand their minds and imaginations through literature.

Lauren McMah
Wendy Caran
Andrea McNeil
Christine Hermann
Paul Heazlett
Gabriela Shuster
Alessia Rainer
Lesley Kelleher
Peta Wilkinson
Pamela Morrison
Kevin Cosheril
Emily Terry

It would be a tragedy if people couldn't afford to buy books for themselves, their friends and children. I would support any move to keep the price of books down, as long as it doesn't affect the rights/royalties of authors. Thank you! Derrin

Derrin Berry
Bogumila Grygierczyk

I will continue to purchase books as and when I can but I will almost always pursue the cheaper option (so I can buy as many as possible of course) Having spent thousands of dollars on my literary purchases, I feel justified in doing so. Sometimes this includes purchases from overseas, but i would much prefer to support my local stores if they were as cost effective.

Nikki Daniels
Jan Stanford
Jacqui Lindsay
David Briggs
Mary Devine
Angela Bromfield
Ann Parker
William Duong
Ruth Pickford
Ashleigh Handley
Veronique Devaulx-spencer
Gaye Maynard
Linley Lord
Gai Russell
Lee-Anne Crompton
Matt Kelleher
Rose Schultz
Susan Robinson

Especially the older books, why doesn't the price ever come down?!

Heather Rookes

Childrens books in particular should be much cheaper. They shouldn't be a luxury item saved for birthdays and Christmas.

I believe book sshould be made easily available for ALL PEOPLE not just those who can afford them - there is nothing like having your own book to read.

Barbara Cameron
Anita Faes
Ralph Dew
Cristina Pienescu
Wendy Laing
Ian Frith
Robert Patrick
Jillian Parker
Curtis Clark
Veronique Bergeron
Diane Richmond
Stacey Saffron
Timothy Colgan
Joanna Baker
Vicki Barksr
Christine Fisher
Christine Shirra

Please address these anti-competitive practices forthwith

I've immigrated from the UK and am stunned and appalled at the price of literature in Australia. Books have suddenly become a priviledge or a luxury, not a 'right' as they should be in any cultured society. I was shocked to hear a mother have to refuse her child a book the other week because he'd 'just had a birthday'. The current law means that Australians and Australian children are being deprived of the opportunity to enrich their lives and their minds through a wealth of literature that is a fraction of the cost in other countries.

Adena Graham
Mike Macdonald
Tracy Adams
Virginia Forrest

How can we be the clever country if we have to pay more for our books

Cheryl See
Penelope Cheetham
Claire Fairbank

Books open the door to an abundance of characters, people, interests, places and worlds. With the current price of books, many adults and children are left behind the door. In the darkness. This could all change...

I believe that cheaper books will benefit authors, publishers, book-sellers and readers through more books being sold.

Paula Hernandez
Ron Parnell
Simon Wride
Ian Argent
Vanessa Tang
Jessica Yau
Kylie Watt
Yvonne McClung
Hayley McPhee
Amy Hui-en Dawson
Brian Harding
Nam Tran
Brydie Lawrie

I support this because I love books, I love being taken to another place by a good story, I love buying new books, but sometimes the prices are too expensive.

Matthew Gilbert
Maree Pronin
Dale Nafa
Patricia Simms-Reeve
Jean Rankin
Leanne Cameron
Anna Christofis
Dorothy Archbold
Meeling Lam

I'd much rather buy my books at Dymocks, but at the moment, it's cheaper for me to order them from Amazon, even with the exchange rate and shipping. That's just DAFT.

Kate Scott
Nerine Purton
Elise Ross-adjie
Jody Fisher
Rodney Coombe
Karl Briedis

I am a Librarian and cheaper books would allow libraries to buy a greater range of titles.

Christopher Bolland
Barbara Owen
Edlyn Grant
Sonya Stephens

Hello, I love reading books it keeps me relax and happy, I would love books to become cheaper at Dymocks and other book shops. I don't like buying dearer books, I like buying cheaper books. Please can you make this happen then me and everybody else in Australia would be happy! Thank you very much. from Lyndsi Stanford.

Lyndsi Stanford
Alexa Lee
Michelle Thoo
Ann Moore
James Firkins
Virain Narayan
Karen Heusner
Catherine Cheah
Sue Turner
Ha Tran

Anna Rode
Meredith O'Bree
Tammy Wilson
Michelle Hingston
Nicole Shanny

I already buy things online directly from amazon if it takes too long to come out in SA book shops.

Tamsin Stanton
Natalie Fisher

I have no idea where the Hillside, Vic. address came from. I have never lived in Victoria, and surely my Dymocks card is proof enough. I am sure there are many other people with my name around Australia.

Mark Edmun Bloomfield
Geraldine Luker

We already have more expensive books compared with many other OECD countries. I lived in New York City for 3 years and in Europe for 2 years ... as a teacher I know how important access to reasonably priced literature is for maintaining our high standard of literacy.

Paul Cykner

A good book entertains. A great book educates. Surely that we are now "Global" the market will regulate itself. I plead that books be freely available for the lowest cost possible. We were the lucky country - Please don't let the love of reading be exclusive.

Veronica Eaton
Karen Rogers
Janelle Brown
Victoria Eaves

The cheaper the better. The last few years, I have seen the prices of books going up. It is rare to find a recently released new book under \$10!

Irene Liew
Georgina King

I am a university student as well as an avid reader and it would be very helpful to me if I could obtain cheaper quality books.

Helen Lobegeiger
Eva Hage

books are there for education as well as recreation, why limit those opportunities to those who are wealthy? no more inequality

Corey Borg
Sharleen Keleher
Bruce Woods
Massarra Da'Ana
Kathy Baker
Karen Chapman
Jan Hogan
Kim Stocks
Brooke Wooldridge
Iain Esslemont
Garry Keen
James Newton
Paula Wickens
Ian Adam-Smith
Edward Ferri
Dominic Heath
Karen Siu
Michelle Ezzy
Alexandra Irini
Melvin Bender
Kathleen Taguba
Melissa Marsh
Stephanie Tedesco
Sophia Ryan
Lindsay Perry
shelley kotkis
Rosalind Moore

Reading is a passion that should come for free.

Donna Jones
Taimi Williams

Please allow imports as it will allow more timely releases of new titles and not when aust distributors feel the need to. I regularly order from amazon us and uk and would like an easier alternative.

Richard Klemme
sss www
Samantha Aronold
Christine Elliott
Peter Hooper
Leonie Gutsell
Yen-Rong Wong
Lyn Ross
Jennifer Unsworth
Sue Low
Meher Nigar
Glynis Carrier
David Balfour
Wilson Luu
Sam Bice
Bruce Dickson
Matthew Waud
Jill Kyle
Sylvana Oates
Brenda Steinberg
Kerry Davy
Anne Singleton
Gary Shaw
Patricia Aferis
Helen Thomas
Anne Parkin
Sally Wecker
Helen Thomas
Margaret Ricklefs
Anne Parkin
Joanne Pettegree
Justine Lockwood
Kristina Behets
Joan Harrison
Leith Ward
Norma Burrows
Rosemary Stone

I agree that this should happen - it is basically a restriction on free trade.

Books should be affordable to all.

I support the coalition for cheaper books.
Any changes in policy which will help Australian based mainstream bookshops compete with easy online purchasing from overseas bookshops is a plus and should be encouraged.

Greg Yeates
Tara Ingram
Sue Bain
Penny Howard
David Burn
Jeni Nathanielsz
Robert Bell

Jenny MacKintosh
Sarah Long
Dorothy Owen

I buy at least a book a month and would love to buy more. They need to be cheaper. Why should we pay more for good education from books? It's an outrage.

Peter Jensen
Teresa Graham

Cheaper books are good for consumers and education, rather than middlemen and big companies. Regards Peter Jensen

Martin	Fathers	Thank you Dymocks
David	Teoh	
Karen Jean	Poa	
Joann	Griffiths	
Sash	Hewagama	

Annette	Sainsbury
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As a self funded retiree and an avid book reader, I am finding it more difficult to purchase the books I would like to read and own. Cheaper books would be fantastic. Because of this current restriction, one of my favourite authors has released 8 books that I have not been able to get in Australia as they are not released through one of the Australian subsidiaries or agents of overseas publishers as most are UK based and the Authors publisher is US based.

Sam	Point
Nicole	Hartnett
Helen	Slade
Suramanjari	Namasivayam
Nathan	Reilly
Amy	Godbehere
Ada	Lam
Patricia	Watts
Eugene	Biet
Simon	Nicol
Julie	Stampalia
Maureen	Simpson
Belinda	Hurdis
Virginia	Klooger
Sally	Goodwin
Frances	Passingham
George	Grevelis
Eunice	Huang
Lynette	Mclean

I recently bought Zulu Hart by Saul David and Assegai by Wilbur Smith from Dymocks for AUD\$45 (HARD COPY) and \$34.95 respectively. The same books are available from Amazon.com for AUD\$26.39(US\$18.74) and AUD\$25.99(18.45). The freight i pay from both Companies is very similiar

Raymond	Rutherford
Michael	Nolan
Reni	Stoilova
Robyn	Constable
Elizabeth	Sloane
Anita	Dilena
Karen	Makhoul
Gwenda	Gilmour
Ingrid	Rieger
Buffy	Lefroy
David	Cornell
Christopher	Schaffer
Elizabeth	Grasso
Floss	Aitchison
Rebecca	Petchey
Lindy	Burton
John	Lawson
Christine	Brown
Christine	Brown
Kathryn	Allen
Lilly	Fitzgerald
Jenna	Mear
Dayle	Lanigan
Howard	Brown

This countries readers should have access to world price books

Keep literature alive! Bring the price of books down.
 Fot one who likes to read, it would be great if books were a lot cheaper

Trudy Seca
 Frances Harris
 Noelle Hill
 Daniel Benja Zammit
 Darren Gransden
 Diana Brown
 Anne Gordon
 Stephen Billett
 Claire Collis
 Drew Bennett
 Craig Everard
 Lenna Stevens
 Karen Bowes
 Michelle Calvo
 Jason Hines
 Lesley Barnewall
 Carolyn Burt
 David Willoughby
 Linda Tran
 Robyn Allerton

I believe it is important to be able to purchase books to ensure the literacy of the population is encouraged and being cheaper would assist this aim
 All books are education and when the cost goes up, they become out of reach for a lot of people. I for one love to read and it saddens me when I find a book that is overly priced because I leave it on the shelf.

Blaceline Costelo - Sayo
 Daniel Kelly
 Bob Jones
 Katarina Rusmir
 Leone Prince
 Britta Johanson
 Greg Miller
 Ellie Stavrinis
 Mel Tickle
 John Halden
 Sarah Petzel
 Neil Wiseman
 Heather Pante
 Judy Frazer
 Ann Ousey
 Philippa Ryan
 Christine Boydell
 Gregory Bennett
 Anthony Leary

Yes, I am supportive also of the Coalition for cheaper book's Campaign. Internet cannot replace the joy of reading wonderful books

Maureen Jensen
 Carmen Rogers
 Penny Jenkins
 Natalie Sinton
 Robyn Coyle
 Lynne Jeffries
 Say Kwang Lim
 Emma Capper
 Eileen Gordon

Reading is an enjoyable, informative and relaxing pastime for most people! The current price of books can make them unaffordable for some, or - in my case, I buy books much less often because of the expense. If the price of books was reduced, I would say that more people would buy more books, and there would be a win-win situation for everybody! Thank you for the opportunity for me to participate in your petition.

Nevaeh	Nicholas	
Diana Destiny Anita	Yang Nicholas Pearson	i'm a student and it would be really helpful for me to buy cheap books as i need to buy many for the amount of units i'm doing at school at the moment(soon preparing for HSC) and also i don't have a job so the easy way is for cheaper books
Chad Nick Richard Markus Lauryn Kathy Kristine Lynette Yifah Janice Maria Nima	Eglinton Nicholas Laznik Patz Barrie Holloway Copal Virgona Hadar Nind Passaris Devi	The distribution of books and all other learning materials should be made cheaper and more accessible to Australians. I fail to see how the current rules benefit Australia and Australian authors.
Christine Caitlin Patrick Roger Rosaria Marian Anieka	Ellis Farano Robinson Bradshaw Grasso Calleja Salgado	I strongly support this campaign - appreciate Dymock's efforts on behalf of book loving customers.
Nicola Sasha Werner Yena John Rennie Deane	Blake Mcgowan Tubbe Bogdanovic Hinton Hoyer Rohrlach	The price of books needs to be brought down. It is shocking how much they cost here. It has stopped me from reading as much as i used to (when i used to live in the Uk i was on more than one book a month). Get everybody reading more
Sharon	Barter	When anyone can order online to get books from overseas how do these restrictions assist local industry? They are more likely to prevent local booksellers from making sales in addition to any problems which the restrictions are endeavouring to resolve. Why should Australians continue to pay such high prices for books? This just forces us to stock up when we are overseas, where the prices are more reasonable. Remove the restrictions now!
John Amy Nina Lucy Anne Graciela Krystyna Magenta Robyn Anita Chris Gayle Ann	Payne Bradney-george Ngyuen Devine Toovey Topal Pindral Kwan O'Mara Boycott Tullis Speirs Miller	If we want a literate society access to cheaper books is vital.

Jason Dullow
Steven Fraser
Glenda Mitchell
Kyriakos Velos
Jenny Vanderpot
Helen Schneider
Tanya Orchard
Sarah Simmons

Please, keep the prices low, I don't earn all that much money and i don't want to give up buying books just because I cannot afford them!

Joanne Mai Van
Alison Hutchison
Cindy Rogers
Sarah Silbert
Jason Seal
Jasmine Hughes
Tracey Spence
Tina Bryant

I am in favour of providing cheaper books to the wider community, and as such support Dymock's campaign.

Karen Greenaway
Kimberly Hooi
Mariko Lees
Jason Came Turner
Cassie Robinson
Jeffrey Chau
Megan Lee
Petra Caessens
Karen Buhagiar
Judi Paterson
Brian Nolan
Chloe Potter
Maureen Jennings
Karel Baeten
Ruth Rizzo
Ingrid Weber

The price of books and paperbacks is ridiculous and needs to be reduced to enable more people to purchase. Action now please

Dianne Kaye Wood
Mieke Van Gorp
Robert Hanna
Matthew Mccabe
Aspasia K
John Morin
Chantelle Palmer
Julia Castro
Michelle Papamichael
Shona Willis
Kylie Tripi
Christine Soderiou
Karen Hay

It works in New Zealand. Why not here?

Lesley West
Louise Goodwin
Alison Peake
Gabrielle Wennekes
Elizabeth Onley
Bethel Barton
Wendy Bourdon
marc mulvihill

In these tight economic times it would be beneficial to all if books were more affordable

Nothing other than I agree.

As I purchase at least one book a month I need the books to be a lot cheaper.

The Productivity Commission's recommendation that import restrictions should apply for 12 months from the date that a book becomes available in Australia goes against the Australian literary industry! I want to keep a strong Australian book industry developing and supporting Australian authors, illustrators and editors, providing a wide range of books at competitive prices through a wide network of big and small booksellers. I strongly support retaining full Australian territorial copyright for books.

Kay Saunders
Susanne Nguyen
Julia Hindmarsh
Andy Smith
Liane Unmack

I recently went to the USA where I spent around 300 on books to bring back to Australia. I now buy a lot of my books through a friend in America as it is cheaper to purchase and get them sent from the USA than buy them in Australia.

Jenna Macnab
Helen Collins
Simon Paton

The price we pay for books in this country is absolutely ridiculous when you consider that it is possible to buy books from an overseas website such as Amazon and have them imported for less than it costs to buy the same book here.

Karen Mandros
Geoff Simpson
Adam Furbank
Kylie Batina
Katherine Brough
Heather Triffitt
Melinda Casey
Judi Storer
Judy Tsakalos
Mark Steen
Carolyn Shepard
Donna Lush
Deepak Papanna
Jason Hore
Mona Yeow
Michelle Phan
Rebecca Hindson
Robyn Brunner
Mohammad Ali

If we plan to be a nation of thinkers, those with a quest for knowledge, and not just reliant on the WWW for information, we need to reduce the price of books. Make quality literature and especially children's books an affordable option for parents to buy their children.

Jacqui Watsford
Heather Anderson

Jenny Chidel
Carla Sunwoo
Laine Neeroth
Amy Dixon
Laine Neeroth

It would save us, my husband and me, the hassle of ordering books from overseas.

I don't want any import restrictions on books

I don't want any import restrictions on books

Remove the stranglehold on books once and for all. Everyone needs to have reasonable access to literature, especially children and students, to further their life long education. The inequities of protection provided, or no protection provided, for industries and products in this country are unbelievable! The Government needs to get it right and apply the same standards equitably everywhere for once.

Rudolf Victoria
Lisa Brennan
Tanya Elder

Yes, the price of books here in Australia is ridiculous. It makes it harder from poorer families to have access to books and that is a sad thing. Sure, there are libraries, but a good home should always have plenty of books in it!

Kimberley Carter
Rowena Cooper
Wim Ardon
Caroline Jape
Anne Durack
Angelia Johns
Ian Betts

The prices of the books are not reasonable, nowadays we can buy the same books via internet and the final price with shipping is much lower than the price in the book stores.

Marisley Almeida
Rebecca Spence
Clare Parkin

There is greater value in encouraging a society that loves and owns books, than in protecting existing distribution businesses. A wider variety and cheaper prices would do that. I also think that we have to allow local retail businesses to compete better against internet groups like amazon, from whom I regularly buy books because they are cheaper (even after transport costs) and / or unavailable here.

Adrian Gargett
Joanne Tyndall
Josie Romeo
Brodie Gillespie
Carmel Lanyon
Stephen Shelley
Ivan Spence
Rae Smith
Sasha Lanyon
John Edwards
Sarah Norman - Brown
Kerry Shore
Rina Yu
Kim Allan
Melanie Singh
Karen Spence
Erika Rees
Graham Chapman
Tonee Hughes
Beth D'Apice
Rebecca Kovacs
Alexander Lyle

cheaper would be better, particularly for us pensioners and unemployed people

:)

The internet has made the world a global market. Fighting it is futile and costly.

Samantha Kennedy
Eric Fisher
Sallyann De Sousa
Sallyanne McCappin
Margaret Drayton
Emma Chidgey
Bernadette Dunwoody
Autumn Heep
Linda van Leeuwen
Kylie Simmons
Maddie Watt

Extraordinary that we're still allowing counterproductive subsidies to Australian industries to continue! The Productivity Commission should know better. Perhaps Alan Fels has brought his anachronistic ACCC perspective with him. In hard times, it is more important than ever to spend our dollars ethically.

David Lockwood
Trish Pugliese

Glen Christie
Thomas Rann
Kerrie Taylor
Leigh Heron
Moya Masters
Melissa Lim
Brett Petersen
Caroline Morrison
Debra Heyes
Frances Fausch
Matthew Coughlan
Sally Ann Te Huson
Meredyth Howard

We really do need cheaper books, because of the recession were suffering which will stop us from buying books which will lead to poor education. Now do you want that to happen?

Melvina Prasad
Norma Sutherland

Book prices in Australia are ridiculous. There have been many books in recent years that I've bought from overseas online stores - and even with postage cost factored in, THEY WERE CHEAPER than here! We're constantly reminded to "buy Australian", well I'm sorry but if I can save money buying from overseas, I'll always take the saving (especially in the current economic climate).

Jerome Prince-foster
Travis Walton
Teresa Anderson
William Wycherley
Kelsey Seyfang
Amy Ramminger
Karen Shaw
Rob Haynes
Amy-Lee Dawson
Renee Ruffini
Chun Hung Ong
Rosemary Sullivan
Deborah Facy
Suzanne Williams
Kate Lister

i support cheaper books

Bob Cornwall
Kate Thornton

I am heartedly sick of having to purchase direct from Amazon because they are unavailable through Australian book retailers or they have been priced out of competition. I strongly support the petition

Jane Tassell
Rachael Waldron

If books become any more expense and harder to find in Australia then we'll simply buy more and more offshore via the internet (Amazon and eBay).

Karen Phillips
Pieter Matthew
Belinda Timms
Giovanna Badoino Becerra
Matthew Barnes
Sonja Lisk
Amanda Giles

Moves that make books cheaper for Australian readers of all ages - while protecting the potential earnings of original authors - should be supported as a means that backs other programs to promote learning and literacy. And great entertainment!

Aalex Valentino
Adriane Antoniazzi

It's cheaper to order books directly from the USA than it is to purchase from our own suppliers. Help them to be competitive.

It's ridiculous that I can buy a book from Amazon for half the price and have it here in half the time of ordering it at my local bookstore. Given the economic climate we should be doing everything possible to keep Australian dollars in Australia. Common sense is from Mars and Government policy is from Venus.

Mike Vasey
Dale Higgins
Rosemarie Cole
Alison West
Elizabeth Thomas
Rosemarie Cole
Pei Wen Cheah

Australia is supposed to be the "smart country". Making books prohibitively expensive is not smart: it's dumb. PJH

Peter Hynes
Kate Wood
Vivienne Robertson
Genevieve Fricker
Glenys Needham
Maria Job
Rachel Thornton
Natalie Cusack
Hamish Bremner
Amelia Short
Jessica Vaupotic

Seeing a democracy in books and their price, would help the economy also.

David Allott
Erin Horton
Janice Jennings
Laine Neeroth
Christa Follett

I fully support open and fair competition and for too long books have been grossly overpriced

No import tariffs on books

In the last 30 days i bought 7 books from Amazon.com, the average price was US\$9, if i had of sourced from Australia (Dymocks) my preferred source, the average price would have been AUD\$19.50 (US\$13.84). A saving of AUD\$44.74 and i order approximately 7 times a year.

Raymond Rutherford
Anja Falla
Jillian Moss
Kristy Jorgensen
Elizabeth Stevens
Laine Neeroth
Doreen Rogers
Mary Kenneally
Pauline Small
Jennifer Atkinson
Anne Verschuer

I don't want any inport restrictions on books

I am all for cheaper books if they are available as I have my self purchased books from overseas as they were even with shipping cheaper than in Australia. Example I purchases the twilight hardcover books 4 book collector set ,special edition twilight hardcover and the Directors movie companion with shipping to Australia for only 139 Australian dollars were the 4 book hardcover set cost would have cost me 145 dollars in Australia. Times are tough and I love a good read and I am all for supporting Australian Businesses but at the right price.

Andrea Thornhill
Cindy Edwards
Helen Manthos
John Hughes
John Luyer

why should i have to pay more for books, i thiught this government was constructing , funding and investing in education and knowledege

Istiak Ahmed
Stephen Harrison
Barbara Lasker

Helen	Ryan
Trudie	Lam
Dimitrios	Dinas
Trudie	Lam
Dinas	Theone
Neil	Hamilton
Christopher	Bell
Sarath	Fernando
Helen	Banks
Alex	Price
Judit	Magos
Anita	Gronow
Louise	Huang
Maria	Mensinic
Kayleigh	Murphy
Karen	May
Annemarie	Pugsley
Maria	Carbone
Lydie	Labarthe
Chrissie	Counihan
Dean	Wilson
Susan	White
Kurt	Lerps
Mary	Pappas
Nhan Duc	Do
Marie	Bradford
Carrie	Timic
Alana	Colbert
Svetlana	Datsina
Li-Lin	Chu
David	Farrar
Pei Chen	Lu
Bronwyn	Auld
Adam	Clark
Anne	Birt
Mignon	Prider
Ksenija	Lackner
Stephanie	Dyhin
Jez	Olivero
Noelle	Walker
Renee	Culley
Rose	Hampel
Elizabeth	Nguyen
Ian	Lochlan
Anna	Koorey
Shan	Fawcett
James	O'Connor
Abrar	Alttahir
Verity	Temple
Sharen	Hamed
Jeannette	Banks
Jillian	Hands
Penny	Fraser
Miranda	Howard
Louisa	Golding
Peter	Bodnartschuk
Sandy	Mason

I fully support this.

Congratulations and good luck!!

Lauren Mitarke
Isobel Edgeley
Jillian Hands
Christopher Harris

Amy Wren
Kiel Cunningham
Laura King
Jason Zapasnik
Isaac Te Awa

Though I do support this and would love cheaper books, I must admit that I find that books I currently buy aren't that overly expensive.

Catharine Crack
Margaret Wilson
Therese Kelaart
Miguel Arroyo
Pandora Lyle
Stephanie Chang
Katie Capel
Gloria Dinas
Ben Machowiak
Sean Eglinton
Melina Kordonouris
Rebecca Wong
Alyssa Sinclair
Sarah Hand
Cathy Clark
Pamela Diaz
Thomas Tran
Pam Balfour
Michelle Lane
Arthur Dinas

In an increasingly electronic age, cheaper access to books will help ensure that the written word does not become irrelevant to future generations. I am constantly searching for cheaper books to purchase to ensure I nurture my children's love of reading. Cheaper books would mean I could do this in a more economically sustainable way!

Vicki Ward

This would be wonderful as I am an avid reader from a household of readers and we sure could use a break as far as cash is concerned these days.

As a lover of literature, and also a university student (traditionally short of cash), I would love to be able to purchase more books for less money. As long as the rights of the authors and publishers are protected, I see no reason why parallel importation restrictions should not be removed.

Kay Margaret Whitehead
Andrew Davis
Edna Truong
Christine Roch
Stellamaris Newlands
Angela Doolan
Johanne Silva
Judith Whitting
Geraldine Dalla Riva
Catherine Morris
Rhiannon Lucas
Michaela Wilkes
Christine Leyvraz
Sue Pacey
Kenneth Buckley
Jim Bates
Michelle Rhodes

Andrew Thomas
Peter Upton
Coleen Alley
Jane Kilpatrick

cheaper books means more readers which means better education, how could you say no to that?

Lurline Waters

As a book lover (and purchaser) I would also urge the Productivity Commission to review its recommendation that import restrictions should apply for 12 months from the date that a book becomes available in Australia. As most books are purchased within 12 months of publication this is unlikely to result in cheaper books for the buying public.

Justine Smith
Megan Berghuis
Beverley Rupnik
Keryn Bardwell
Glenda Lye
Kayleen Devlin
Amy Humphreys
Sabine Gref
Patty Ascough
Margaret Brown
Simon Parkis
Susan Jeanes
Kaye Sait

As a 'very poor' student, I'm finding it increasingly hard to stay loyal to Dymocks when there are other stores charging less for their books.

Patricia Turner

I would buy more books but being retired cannot afford to pay the prices of new books

Craig Oats
Sarah Mcgavin
Richard Hammond
Erin Bishop

I agree. I believe that there SHOULD be a competitive market on books within Australia. Importation of products like books should in no way be restricted, as it's unfair to the consumer.

Edward Digman
Zvi Civins

Import restrictions should not apply to books. Surely anybody who disagrees with this principle must also disagree with the suggestion that we should aspire to be a clever country.

Teresa Schulz
Paul Nicola
David Childs
Jennifer Connelly
Helen Morgan
Peggy Ooi
Elaine Pittwood
Julia Phelps
Erica Wysocka
Lynette Fry
Charlotte Fleming
Jennifer Wilson
Pieta Boyles
Ian Rigby
Lara Franckin
Anna Le Merle
Tammy Marshall
Wade Mccagh
Jacqueline Mcallery

I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS. I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS. BUY AUSTRALIAN, BUY AUSTRALIAN. SUPPORT AUSTRALIA. ISN'T THIS WHAT WE ALL SHOULD BE DOING????????????????????????????????

I think the present system is outdated.

Howard Rice
Lainee Hooper

We want cheaper books

Bryce von Bonin
Gillian Simonson
Ralph Andreas
Leanne Smith
Ian Price
Clare Alexander
Ashleigh Standen

To the Govt: Remember when you were a child and enjoyed reading? Kids have so many other options today like the internet & ipods - let books compete!

Michael Harrison
Maria Findlay
Matthew Lee
Ross Tasker
Vongmala Chanphianamvong
Ruth Hayward
Robyn Smith
Ada Rollo
Mirvika Naidoo
Janelle Palmer
Lucy Street
Terry Horne
Aisha Ali

As a retiree I am on a limited income. Purchasing a book is now a major investment decision for me and I tend to wait until the sales as buying a book when it has just been released is way too expensive - for the reasons outlined in Dymock's submission. Why does Australia have to prop up an international cartel.

Teresa Schulz
Janet Giblett
Rhondda Fahey
Warren Chappell
Natalie C
Ashleigh Lustica
Eleanor Starkey
Sherril Molloy
Stephanie Soh
Vanezha Djunaidi

I'M NOT TOO SURE ABOUT THIS. I FEEL ENOUGH DAMAGE TO OUR ECONOMY HAS OCCURRED OVER THE YEARS SINCE A LOT OF THE TARIFFS HAVE BEEN REMOVED OR REDUCED BY FORMER GOVERNMENTS. SICK AND TIRED OF PURCHASING FROM THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. IF NOT CAREFUL, WE WILL BECOME A THIRD WORLD OURSELVES. I AM IN FAVOUR OF PROTECTING WHATEVER IS LEFT IN OUR COUNTRY AND I DO NOT SUPPORT THIS PETITION. BUY AUSTRALIAN - THOUGHT THIS IS WHAT WE SHOULD BE DOING.

Suzanne Roux
Josephine Watson
Heather Valana
Kylie Stone

I would like to make sure there is protection for authors and that they still get the amount that is due. However the cheaper the books the more that people will buy so better for the authors overall. I also wish to support Australian owned booksellers as I believe they have a greater respect and interest in Australian authors and readers.

Pradeep Bambery
Phuong Ho
Sandra Macintyre

Books are an important medium that require the best support in order to make them widely available as well as affordable within the framework of the law. I support this effort.

Please note i changed capital I to lower case i in Macintyre

Renee Fort

Literacy is a vital component in an educated, intelligent populace. Cheaper books will help encourage and maintain an interest in reading beyond what people are 'forced' to do in daily life.

Liam Murray
Chloe Balanzategui

Narelle Harvey
Josella Gordon

Gabriella Taylor
Megan Greensmith

Emma Leong

Allan Gauld

William Kremer

Siddharth Raghuraman

Tricia Reeves

John Baxter

Christopher Farrell

Allison Begnell

Sue Marxsen

Aryanne Guevara

So long as the quality of alternative imported goods is not a fault...

WE Want Cheaper Books!

Books are so important..why the delay? If you want a nation of educated people you need to make books available so that everyone can afford them.

Rosemarie Harvey

Kirsty Potter

Jacqueline Roberts

Corinna Shaw

Julie Montalto

Paula Rendle

Books are an important part of our culture and need to be readily available to everyone.

Allison Mcvey

Fatima Ali

Judith Cooke

Samantha Van Den Berg

Alan Hayward

Lisa Kidman

Michelle Gaynor

Jacqueline Wiegard

Kathryn Lazzaro

Angela Tang

Joanne Tan

Lynette Rew

Dorit Kopka

I am a writer, and an avid reader. As a writer, I am broke; this affects me as a reader, as I cannot buy many of the books I would like to read. I have noticed, for instance, the initiative of Penguin to make their Classics collection affordable has increased the number of people buying-and therefore reading-these amazing works of literature. Making books cheaper means more access to education, information and entertainment for many more people. Of course, I do believe prices should stay at a certain limit, so as not to cut writer's and publisher's pay, which in most cases, is low enough as it is. I'm sure an compromise can be found, as everyone involved has the best interest of books at heart...right?

Laura Restrepo

Denis Pigden

Gregory Hoare

Gavin Bowen

Ron Bainbridge

Derek Smith

Denise Greener

Robyn Cheuk

Rosanda Kekez
Deborah Strahan
Sarah Heron
Jenny Burley
Megan Wilson
Grayhame Harris
Delma Horan

i would buy more books but it's difficult when they are so expensive. i can't see paying \$20-30au for a book that i know is selling for \$5-10 in the usa. also most of my fave authors aren't readily available here.

Sandra Mutter
Fiona MCGowan
Janelle Twaddle
Margie Brooks
Janet Deakin
James Baklarz
Lara Jankelowitz
Maria Go

Honestly, I am just a teenager so my feelings are neutral, but I would love to see cheaper books :)

Cindy Lian
Kate Haslam
Wendy Bertello
William Torney
Jan Cicerello
Ronald Geeves
Gordon Sutton
Anthony Moore
Antonina Grier

It is time for this long-awaited change to be made.

Anne Foran
Peter Maunder

About time we had cheaper books in Australia - we must be the most expensive country in the world for them!

Warren Cowan
Robyn Sweeney
Karen Hucker
Irene Handayuni
Nadene steinberg
Sandra Arundell
Amanda Kelly
Mandi Dalziel
Peter Mackerracher
Marc Grabowski
Ashleigh Williamson
Casey McCollum
Mireille Nelson
Mitchell Williamson
Ruth Morgan
Margaret Di Nunzio
Sean Williamson
Raelene Harris
Jenni Kremer
Sharon Gray
Kylie Williamson

Restrictions on parallel importation should have been lifted years ago. The government must take the opportunity to do so now.

Chris Cowan
Sufee Kazmi
Marla Toldo
Philip Blunden

It is imperative that all Australians must have access to books at prices comparable to consumers in the US and the UK.
parallel importation rocks woohooooo!!

Martin Jame: Smith
 Jane Cox
 Kathryn Mitchell
 Jo Binkin
 Dorelle Westcott
 Sarah Smith
 Melanie Williams
 Heather Craven
 Navita Raszka
 Erlita Fadlia
 Thomas Boyle
 Kylie Venner
 Mark Chellew
 A Cornwall
 Greg Collette
 Hool Teo
 Shante Ripper - Sebbes
 Thea Harris
 Peter Kehoe
 Madison Reid
 Bolko Burgstett

None

The price of books is ridiculous and if we want to encourage more literacy in Australia we need to make books more affordable.

Efrim Volkoff
 Cathie Bromwich
 Pauline Pickering
 Christy Clements
 Karen Turpin
 Karen Schaeffer
 Susan Harris
 KATHRYN BOND
 KATHRYN BOND
 Laurel Jenkins

It is ridiculous that books, especially digital audio books, are not released worldwide at the same time. I hear of books being released in the US all the time but have to wait months for them here in Australia. Are the publishers afraid of making too much money too quickly?

Trevor Collins
 Greg Symons
 Bernice O'Brien
 Catherine Oakes
 Catriona Hetherington
 Sonita McDonald
 Rachael Neale
 Ann Osifo

God! About ruddy time something like this was done! Cheaper books are the answer people just because we need books doesn't mean we want to fork out tons of our cash on them! Cheaper books means more sold helping the Australian Economy that's really awful at the moment. It's not that hard to get!

Suzanne Hardwick
 Chris Hindle
 Susanne Vanden Heuvel
 Virginia Thompson
 Jennifer Warton
 Paula Watkins
 Karen Sedgman
 Cy Wewzow
 Joanne Muskarovsky

The exorbitant price of books is presently limiting education. This is an absolute travesty to us, our children and the nation!

Feliciity Clarkin

Monica Winter
Graham Rumsby
Lesley Sieglhoff
Janet Lutz
Bernadette Royal
Tricia Ann Garson
Warren Toh
Anna Crivelli
Amanda Kirkup
Danielle Bautista
Clive Smith
Amanda Dunlevy

Give us CHEAPER books!!! Rather than us having to buy them online overseas! The money would stay in our country that way

Vikki Kourbelis
Leegan Cheung
Mario Leotta
Paul Williams
Penelope Reardon
Sarah George
Anne Robertson

I feel that Australians have been ripped off for long enough. The joy of reading should not be so expensive as to make it a luxury.

Clair Keefe
Kathryn Pineiro
Jeanette Castle
Tracey Wiggins
William Reynolds
Julie Wakefield
Rebecca French
Leanne King
Nadine Page
Lin Chandran
Stanislava Faulkner

books are awesome.....we all need them but they are often too expensive especially if you want lots

Richard Phillips
Margaret Kestenbaum
Antony Huang
Jennifer Senior

Having a toddler, its important for her to learn to read and to have access to as many books as I can give her. Being a one income family means that the cheaper the books the more I can buy for her.

Kerry Hammond
Janet Anderson
Martina Hale
Patricia Licence
Helen Paterson
Melanie Madsen

As a booklover and teacher, I am always in favour of cheaper books - particularly for young people.

Bruce Paris
Simone Bourgeois
Sharon Austin
Judy Donovan

I feel Australia does need to support its Australian-owned businesses, but I also feel that if it can't make its own market cheaper then we do need to look at importation.

Belinda Hodges
Gavin Bollard
Guy Parsons
Roz Beste

It would be lovely to be able to afford to buy books in Australia at competitive prices to overseas - they are so heavy to carry home from trips abroad and the profits stay abroad also.

Di	Hall
Thomas	Potts
Valentina	Jom
Lyn	Parsons
Jean	Aitken
Patrick	Glynn
Kay	Hooper
Sharyn Joy	Sandric
Susie	Murphy
Diana	Williamson
Remey	Shand
Alan	Long
Steven	Liu
Ronald	Norton

Access to books is a vital and everyone should have the ability to access a variety of books. The current prices of books adversely affects people from lower-socio economic backgrounds. It also deters people from buying books and potentially gaining knowledge that is otherwise not available to them. Given the fact that local libraries often do not have a wide collection of books, having access to cheap books is important.

Susannah	Jerapetritis
Felicity	Durbidge
Vivienne	Pike
John	Galvin

Our government keeps talking about "Free Trade", well here is an opportunity to stop talking and take positive some action.

Lothar	Bender
Erwin	Scheibner
George	Cookson
Pia	Riddell
Holly	Trengrove-jones
Don	Buchanan
Lynne	Bullen / Layng
Emma	Yang

I don't know what it is but it appears since the GST was introduced books have been very expensive. Help companies help me to buy cheaper books. I am under no illusion that it helps Dymocks but if it helps me I am in favour.

Matt	Foster
Kylie	Watkins
Andrea	Pepall
Robert	Halsey

The Government should do everything possible to encourage reading: lowering the basic cost of importing books IS IMPORTANT

Margherita	Curtis
Aileen	Eldridge
Ebony	Penny
Maureen	Jones
Ruthmary	Hubbard
Catherine	Kay
Fiona	Mariner
Fatima	Bharucha
Narelle	Perry
Sharon	Egan
Soraya	Woodman
Heather	Storey

Very sad when it becomes cheaper to by from America, even when the postage is paid and it is all US\$ I can still be ahead. Australia, what are you doing, killing the possibility of loving to read let alone sharing the joy the reading!!!!

Ruth	Petit
Anita	Mitchell

Lesley Slade
Hoang Thuy Giang
Dean Oorschot
Kaylen Macdonald
Livia Hanley
Karyna Jansons
Natalie Mitchell
Helen Walton
Jason Herbert
Catherine Allgrove
Nathan Muir

Phil Alderslade
David Jones
John Kelly

Now more than ever with money in short supply, we need access to cheaper literature.

we must be one of only a few countries that have to pay high fees for our books, it is about time that the government does something to fix the problem

Dorothy Eather
Adrienne Rowell
Nathan Bollom
Ravi Rajaram
Elysia Phillips

We are big users of public libraries, school libraries and book shops. We believe strongly that access to books is vital in encouraging imagination and learning. Cheaper books for all, whoever is buying them including the library system, is important in this aim. I was saddened to hear a friend say the other day at a birthday party "I was going to buy books as a present but they are too expensive". Please give us cheaper books.

Sue Banks
Teresa Cabone
Florence Pijnenborg

It is important to all ages and learning skills that books of all interest are made available easily, promptly without interference from a third or intermediate party to the shop in Australia... Most of all reducing the cost is of a major concern as lower cost attracts non buyers and therefore broadens the education of a greater number of Australians. Removing restrictions will better Australian information.

Tom Atkinson

It is sad that through the regulations for book imports into Australia, the cost of books is exorbitant. Please remove the excess costs as has been done with CD's making them more affordable

David Sabine
Linda Windridge
Laura Marshall
Riza Bakan
David Wylie
Richard Moss
Anastasia Cartoni
Patricia Pope
Nick Rotondo

Ratnadeep Nagarkar
Heather Alty
Mehtab Rahman
Jason Tsa
Shelley Grout
Derek Milligan
Ima Lorimer
Carly Brown
Peter Cleary
Patricia Pope

Bring on the cheap books! We need them. Books should cost a fortune to buy.

Laurence Scott
Sandra Hill
Jo Whitburn
Geoff McKinnirey
Sarah Carapet
Michelle Rutliff Kumnick
Erika Latif
Jennifer Blyth
Mary Williams
Maria Martino
Claudia Koh
Chris Bennett
John Turnbull
Kathrina Majcher
Ray Sketcher
Jane Song
Laura Morris

I have already replied to this petition.

Trina Sabine
John Straford

Book reading is a hobby which can be fascinating - learning, entertainment, life improvement etc. If only books were cheaper, I would buy many more for my own enjoyment.

Philip Brentnall

I prefer viewing books before buying them and am uneasy with email transactions, so wish to be able to avoid buying through "Amazon" and so support this appeal. to those who can do something look at what people want. but is so sad is the people who this effects usually do'nt get a fair say.

Suzanne Phillips

I read lots of books and usually borrow them from the library due to their cost, but recent release copies are few and far between. When our children were young, we often bought them books, but would not be able to do that now.

Margaret Coakley

How can we improve literacy throughout our nation when books are so over-priced???

Liz Dolling
Peter Savage
Wyn Barratt

I try to shop at Dymocks all the time - however I have to check prices - on Wednesday Angus and Robinson had the latest Mary Higgins Clark book for \$10.00 - yep \$10.00 cheaper than Dymocks. When this happens you can but buy the cheaper model !!!! This has happened a lot

Carole Elliott
Steven Hinckley

I would also like to have the same release dates in AUS that books have in USA and UK, the delay of months is honestly ridiculous.

Naomi Green
Michael Thompson
Diane Bertelsmeier
Kathleen Chapman
Charlotte Scotton
Julie Pocock
Sylvia Kolz
Bruce Flynn
Barbara Pendergast
Naomi Costigan
Susan Seymour
Abbey Ellis
Leonie Hobbs
Trish Bavich
Barbara Dalton
Sue Price
Cyrano Menezes
Jane Davidson

please make it affordable to buy books once again!

Clinton Baldock
Marion Starceвич
Kathryn Stapley
Irene Sheffield
John Straford
Paul McDiarmid

to those who can do something look at what people want. but is so sad is the people who this effects usually do'nt get a fair say.

Suzanne Phillips
Tracie O'Brien
Sharon Hallett
Khai Vo
Brian Raymond
Margaret Coakley

Books are far too expensive in Australia and being British I really notice the price hike here.

Geoffrey Shepherd
James Hemphill
Julie Walker
Natalia Zygocki
Sharon Pankhurst
Caroline Ives
Louise Griffiths
Zayra Dolores
Jim Dootson
Charlotte Thorell
Kendall Pearce
Carol Thomas
Jessica Sabatini
John Petrou
Sarah Chalmers
Susan Di Tommaso
Diane Jones
Patricia James

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation

Stephanie Bainbridge
Helen Adams
Kate Cowmeadow

what is this, selective protectionism?

Reading is the gateway to knowledge - help to make this wonderful gift more accessible to each & everyone living in Australia.

Linda Grimwood
Lynette Vaughan
Jo Moylan
Lee Freed
Michelle Hughes
Ronnie George
Graeme Thompson
Samantha Deverson
Mandy Evans
Catherine Wilson
Eva-maria Catina
Therese Ferguson
Olivera Tasi
Ruth Forbes-simmons
Basil Ridley
Patricia Moore
De Fletcher
Michael Barritt
Tristen Vo
Jamie Harper

Elizabeth	Stenhouse
Jessica	Will
Elizabeth	Oakley
Alison	Maclean
Andrew	Baldacchino
Bree	Woodhouse
Alanna	Nelson
Gareth	Woodhouse
Jasmine	Goh
Anthony	Lowes
Paul	Eccarius
Kathy	Vongsanga
Christopher	Mitchell
Ewelina	Wojtaszek
Nerine	Draper
Jodii	Giannas
Carole	Woodhouse
Patricia	Greville
Emily	Hart
Anthony	Love
Miriam	Bowman
Peter	Woodhouse
Catherine	Quin
Katie	Barber
Jonathan	Webster
Tamsyn	Jameljanenko
Sherri	Siem
Marjorie	Mccann
Barbara	Bray
Kim	D'Ortona
Eva	Kristiaman
Megan	Goldston
Sheryll	Kan
Alexandra	Wasiewicz
Elaine	Ogden
Jeffery John	Palm
Cameron	Bache
Gary	Carroll
Simone	Wong
Richard	Grant
Dianne	Boege
Michelle	Swaab
Rochelle	Bennett
Astrid	Mullen
Christina	Plaistowe
Andrew	Kenner
Frances	Birrell
Elizabeth	Locke
Jillian	Carroll

Cheaper books please so that I can support Australian businesses

This has gone on for far too long

Books in Australia are far too expensive compared to the UK!

I definitely want cheaper manga. But I don't think Dymocks stock them. So definitely cheaper fantasy novels!!!

Contrary to all the fuss made by authors, publishers etc, the abolition of the net book agreement in the UK STIMULATED the book sales sector as buying books became more affordable so people bought more. Now libraries in the UK are in decline because people prefer to buy rather than borrow books. Books in Australia are ridiculously expensive and the price charged is way in excess of the exchange rate for the UK price often shown on th cover. Someone is making a profit and I doubt it is either the author or the bookseller!

Sarah	Ashby
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Stephanie Lopes
Joan Garrard
James Griffiths
Cheryn Porter
Sally Hodson
Rohan Playford

consider this my signing of the petition supporting the CFCBC for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation

Victoria Tobin
Kassandra Watling
Louise Ahern
Linda Wooley

I read a lot 4-5 books a week and cheaper books would be great
I feel strongly that we need to reduce the cost of reading material, as technology is depriving people of the joy of reading and stimulating the imagination. Our young people spend too much time playing with technology and allowing it to do their thinking and imagining for them. Their reading abilities and comprehension is becoming unacceptably.

Jeanette Stevens
Judi Anderson
Sandra Inzitari
Helen Finlay
Clodagh Hussein
Sheree Clayden
Elisabeth Ulm
Ross Chaldecott

I read a lot, both for relaxation and enjoyment and for knowledge. If books less expensive, I would probably be able to afford others that I buy as I can.

Patricia Bryan
Kelly Slattery
Allan Rawack
Tania Donai-Quinney
Leon Cox
Penny Crossman
Siobhan Whelan
Bienne Argent
Simon Allden
Maura Marshall
Jessica Rainert
Daina Sutherland
Brian Taylor
Deanne Smith
Jonathan Howel
Ruth Shaw
Anne Brown
Sandra Hartley

Ian Thompson

Cream always rises - if the local product is good enough, it will be published and purchased, as it is with local music. This protection does nothing but cause me to pay higher prices for books that are already well overpriced in this country.
I definitely get tired of seeing books on the internet at such great prices only to find they are not readily available in Aus or that they are quite expensive even taking into consideration exchange rates.

Bianca Paton
Helen Kucel
Sandra Hartley
Kathy-Lee Novotny

Alan Weeks
Anne Lupton
Sue Cranstoun
Marianne Eynon

Presently, the price of books in Australia seems unreasonably high compared with prices in countries overseas.

Janice Antony
Andrew Buchanan
Jonathan Barnes
Janelle Marshall
Liz Doherty
Kandi Gore

The ridiculous situation of restricting importation to exclusive distributors artificially increases costs to the Australian consumer. For example a GBP3.99 english magazine here costs \$16.50 almost double over the english exchange rate for 3.99 GBP.

Graham Laurie
Chris Gallaher
Jill Brown
sandra helmling
Jacqui Sheehy
Leanne O'Neil
Ryan Michael
Alexandra Carman
Toni Strange

Lower prices on books can only encourage more people to access the invaluable treasure of reading!

Jenny Jaffe
James Mcareavey
James Mcareavey
Carmen Harris
Anabel Debelak
Andrew Tooms
Joyce Tan
Janice Cunningham
Cassandra Widdows
Margaret Wynne
Daniel Serje
Yvonne Lynch
Susan Livingston
Pamela Toogood
Cassie Mitchell
Narelle Pond
Jessica Ho
Hilary Ingle
Ann Chen
Adrienne Arnold
Bruce Burgess
Michael Murer
Johanna Marler
Jim Lake

I would look forward not only to more competitive prices, but also to having a greater range of books available in Australia.

Peter Koerber
Joanna Ellis
Bree Griffiths
John Agnew
Carol Wilson
Emma Heward
Andrew Prince
Kerryann Ross
Patricia Donovan
Deb Carter
Jane Berryman

We have to make books easily accessible to our young. The cost of them will always be a huge issue especially in hard economic times and anything we can do to reduce this will benefit our future.

Bev Richards
Jeff Phillips
robyn walker
Kerry Ansell
Rebecca Ramsay
Jacqueline Pascarl
Deanna Hehir

Books are not a luxury, they are a necessity.

I am a big fan of romance novels and subscribe to a lot of authors sites. I generally have to wait and extra 2-3 months for the books to be shipped into australia. I usually spend \$80+ each time I visit usually each fortnight. But this has tapered off due to lack of availability.

Katrina Pichelmann
Anna- Maree Gunn
Annette Cam
Mary Tulloch
Zana Kaic
Patricia Phillips
Noreen Jones
Sophie Hadden
Ann-marie Cole
Amanda Aspland
Penelope Nicol
Des Crawley
Kirstienne Graham
Erin Sullivan
Dawn Tapscott
Kathy Moore
Greg Day
Hannah Hawkins
Alison Ross
Michelle Eagland
Sally Clarke
Ann Wu
Natasha Topp
Lara Sumich
Samantha Hutchinson

Protectionism, as in current policy, costs us all. Need to get rid of remnant cultural cringe still active in this area. Need to encourage anything which develops role model, esp for children and grandchildren, of adult males reading.

John Atchison
Kevin Wu Won
Jeremy Bragg
Katrina March
Pam Evans
Lisa Mitchell
Majella Hill
Melissa Lyras

Our country needs to encourage its population to read more however when books are more expensive than other forms of entertainment this will not happen.

Claire Dooley
Graham Downes
Mandy Kennedy
Victoria Gilbert
Mary Dimitrios
Judith O'Brien

Don't make literacy a luxury. Everyone should be able to afford books.

My strong interest are bound to the issues regarding the limitation that the Australian sellers have within foreign markets, and that they should have this access to reduce cost which in turn would produce more consumption.

Alexander Kim
Sara Robinson
Catherine Chalker
Garry Cooper

For too long we have been at the mercy of non-competitive trade practices. Why are we propping up the profits of non-Australian multi-nationals? It is time for change!

Michael Butler
Lynton Barclay
Patricia Bell

Who is this policy protecting, anyway? All it does is to guarantee a certain minimum inflated GST-revenue for the Government, or not?

Petter Gouws
Denise Lombardo
Kerry-Ann Plant
Tracy Willacey
Michelle Birch

Books are comparatively expensive at present and I would support any venture to make good reading material available at affordable prices.

Katriona Poyitt
Christine Ross
Lisa Ann Buerckner
Helen Warnock
Penelope O'Brien
Lauren Condon
Annie Lu
Claire Laishley
Judith Watson
Amy Hawkins
Elizabeth Ellis
Janis Hoy
Claire Lombard
Brigida Desebrock

GST on books also needs to be abolished. Especially on textbooks.

Couldn't agree more.

Rachel Turner

Australia needs to be more competitive in the book selling business. I hate having to pay excessive prices simply because I live in Australia and not in America or the UK. Please let the free market flourish. People are buying through Amazon etc. anyway, why not bring that expenditure INTO Australia?

Elinor Alexander
John McCready
Mal Wood

Reading hard copy books is to be encouraged particularly for young people who do not have much money to spare. Current prices inflated by unnecessary regulations only serve to discourage.

Geoffrey Hone
Sandra Taylor
Roslyn Davis

Access to the world's best literature (and everything else) should not be a privilege based on your ability to pay the current exorbitant prices being asked for new books. Literacy and a love of reading is one of the most amazing gifts anyone can be given in life, we shouldn't do anything to make that more difficult to achieve

Nicole Keenan
Natasha Pavez
Ann MCGovern

Books are important to every single level of culture and learning and as such should be as accessible as possible. It is very noticeable that books are unusually expensive in Australia.

Hilary Dooley
Stewart Carter
Kate Law
Emily Rose Carter

Kym-marie Narkle
Pradeep Kuttambakam
Lisa Ryan
Monique Saunders
Zendy Darm: Wongso
James Burke

Books are meant for anyone, not just rich people who has money to buy it.

Stephanie Last
Margaret Farnfield
Kerri Floyd
Cara Arbilo
Cherry Lisle
Robyn Brodal
Ivy Gonzales
Joanne Chu
Ruth Bennetts
Katrina Hunt

I would much prefer to support the Australian economy and shop buy purchasing from Australia, instead I often buy from Amazon USA and UK who are significantly cheaper. recently bought Rachel Allen- Bake for \$18, its \$40 here!!!!!!

Howard Freeman
Michelle Robinson
Angela Stringer
Brian Lam
Valerie Dwyer
Takyu Leung
Fiona Stuchbery
Kyla Eide
Connie Hevron
Sarah Gough

Books are becoming ever-more important in our lives. Please do whatever you can do to reduce the cost of books - we seem to pay very much more than other English speaking countries.

Jane Howard
Tom Bridgman
Michael Lam
Marjon O'Neill

I have often imported books myself through American sellers through sites like amazon.com, because even taking into account exchange rates and shipping costs, I can still get books for up to a third of the price.

Glen Wheatley
John Rich
Daniela Wagner
Frank Limonelli
Margaret Green
Gwenda Anderson
Jenny Bray
Wei Ning Khaw
Paul Dancer
Margaret Fouche
Stephanie Moll
Sandy Wainwright
Jennifer Garle

I fully support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. We buy a lot of books and order a lot through a company in the US. That company offers very competitive prices, even including the shipping cost to Australia. If the books could be offered at a better price here we would certainly buy more books from Dymocks. Kind regards Annette and Glen Wheatley

I wholeheartedly support this petition.

Books are so important.

Tom Desiann	Valenta Dalton	As an author I was originally concerned by this proposal. However, I am convinced that Australian authors will not lose out. I am very keen to see books sold in Australia without trade restrictions.
Joanne Melinda Janelle Janice Sophie	Seymour Bates Peat Malden Mackenzie	I read extensively and pass my books onto the students I teach so they can access books that they cannot afford. The only way literacy will ever improve if books are made available to all different socio economic groups. The people that have poor literacy skills are the ones that cannot afford books. They should be as cheap as possible
Cheryl Janine Hong Elaine Elaine Clare Nermine Craig Beryl	Bath Pullin Xie Middleton McDonnell Larkman Latif Black White	Books should be able to be affordable for those who have limited funds and appreciate the value of a good read. As my father has always stated... Reading expands the capacity of the mind. Encourage greater literacy by making books more affordable.
Margaret Susan	Evans Mcgregor	Make books cheaper. The Government encourages reading through the Premier's Reading Challenges held in schools. They should practice what you preach by making books cheaper and therefore more accessible to all. Also get rid of the GST on books if they want more children to read!
Andrew Susan Amy Fatima Liana Simon	Spicer Robins Logg Hallal Tam Polson	Restrictions on parallel importation are a tax on Australian consumers. Surely this should have been removed with the free trade agreement? the cheaper the books the more we buy
James Richard Rebecca Sarah Gary Geoffrey Darius Margaret Ann	Thomas Mack Halligan Fogarty Godwin Williams Tamasauskas Rhodes	You cannot put a price on the value of the written word. However, if we have to (and, naturally, we do), let's be reasonable about it so that everyone can have the opportunity to benefit from those that seek to inspire us!
Cathy Emma Cassandra Jude Januar Dion Linna Trish Joan Maureen	Sanderson Bigwood James Williams Janapsatya Pietrosanti Tran Maughan Hodge Tully	I think books should be a lot cheaper.. I would buy a lot more instead of having to buy a lot of second hand books. Freedom of choice, please!

Victoria Hayter
Leo Montgomery
Jan Oldham
Natalie Connolly
Jennie Horton
Elizabeth Lorimer
Lyn Kirkwood
Richard Forbes

All books are too expensive, more so in text & religion publications

One of life's great pleasures is being able to read good quality books but with the current economic crisis it is obvious that the prices of these books should be affordable to everyone. Keep the prices down.

Carol Smith
Christine Varelas
Janice Terrill
Callum Thomson
Holly Baker
Rebecca Day
Francesca Rakich
Vanessa Moir-Hatton
Mardi May
Margaret Tengbom
Paula Harris
Elsie Hanlin
Claire Osborne
Amy Brown
Andrew Court
Justine Barker
Lynne Haley
Julie Dozier
Margot Stanton
Jingjing Zhao
Melissa Oey
Jayne Collins
Liz Healy
Joy Ho
Coryl Engel
Melissa Chue
Adrienne Calder
John English
Noelene Ryan
T. Valucava
Vanessa Chan
Elizabeth Chessell
Kathleen Knife
Yin Chai
Karen Eyre
Karen Bates
Alison Harrison
Stephen Bolton
Beverley Hvass
Melanie Wilson

Cheaper books will enable one to continue to enjoy this past-time

I frequently resort to ordering books from overseas on the internet because the price with postage is still cheaper than local suppliers can match - with the current financial climate, and jobs being lost in retail, this restrictive practice does not make sense

Sharon Yoxall
Yvonne Hodgkins
Rhonda Mitchell

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Pernilla Leth
Robyne Leaney
Ak Ainkaran
Cara Robb
Philip Juler

I moved over from the UK in September 2008, and am still astounded by the extortionate costs of your books. Both my wife and I are avid readers. My wife more so than I. In the UK we thought nothing of picking up books and purchasing them. Sometimes buying three or four in one go. Yet due to the costs here, we have found that it is simply not possible and that any purchase has to be that much more considered. Why are many books that are sold in one of the most expensive cities in the world (to rent retail selling space) - London, more to buy here in Adelaide?!! Only this week whilst in a bookshop, I heard a mother tell her child who had picked up a kiddies book to put it down. She told her child that as she had just had her birthday, that she could not afford to buy it. How can that
It is possible to buy books from overseas via the internet at a much cheaper price than we can purchase them through Australian book outlets. This needs to be changed.

Leigh Topol

Michael Moore
Jill Cordeux
Jennifer Hewson

It's about time government regulations put Australians consumers at a disadvantage.

Perla Knights
Melvyn Black
Louise Hughes
Rita Wager
Christine Morrison
Oliver Dimoski
Jan Collier
Lynne Hoffman
Dain Kirwan

If we hope to remain competitive in a World Market, education the furthering of knowledge needs to remain accessible to all, not just to those who can afford to spend a fortune on books.

Karin Pearson
Theresa Hill
Nour Karmout
Kate Stone
Tina Hu

I have just been in the USA and loved buying lots of books because they were such a reasonable price especially kids books which were about \$7.00 AUD compared to about \$14.00 AUD I have to pay here

Louise Stapleton
Andrew Kemp

Columbia Re Cheney

Competitive pricing is important to keep the market for books in this country viable. We need to keep more money within Australia instead of all the 'offshore' things going on with other companies leaving nothing here.

Margaret Galbraith

It's annoying trying to find american books, and when i do find them, they're being sold at ridiculous prices or it's paperback vs hardcover

Soo Sian Koh
Teresa Wai
Gary Dodd
Lorraine Kerr
Richard Parkes
Stacey Coonan
Daniel Henderson
Sueyan Cox
Ellison Brown

Book selling has not been a free market for years and years. Let's fix it

Matthew	Durling	This must be one of the most expensive countries on earth to buy books so it needs to be changed, its your childrens future too	
Karen	Ashley	I buy most of my books overseas at the moment rather than locally since, even with current poor exchange rates and shipping costs, it works out much cheaper for me.	
Jeremy	Sequeira		
Leonie	Mckenzie		
Paul	Forde		
Leonie	Zadow		
Natasha	Lindfield		
Nicola	Nattrass		
Melanie	Archer		
Sarah	Bridge		
Alison	Fergusson		
Danique	Omaquasha		
Chelsea	Mobbs		
Suzi	Milinkovic		
Julie	McKay		
Jane	Hailes	Books need to be cheaper to buy!!	
Jill	Wilson	Please remove restrictions in order to save quality australian booksellers.	
Caroline	Gray		
Nicole	Jones		
Jonathan Sc	Garwood		
Fiona	Gwynne		
Bernie	Bell		
Sharon	Fowler		
Sandra	Griffith		
Darren	Attard		
Susan	Mccarthy		
Peter	McTaggart		
Julia	Crossman		
Louise	Fisher		
Robert	Thomas		
John	Nichol	Books mean knowledge and knowledge means power. I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books Campaign.	
Michelle	Brotohusodo		
Jennifer	Strange		
Josie	Bloor		
John	Milligan		
Heidi	Jones		Way to go
Prudence	Brophy		
Peter	Zhao		
Vivek	Nayak		
Anne	Ritchie		
Dawn	Egan		
Naomi	Walsh		
Jenny	Ryan		
Kjerstin	Bjelland		
Emeterio	Gonzales	If we'd like more people to read books instead of watch TV, movies, or play video games we need to have a wider variety available at decent prices.	
Lucy	McIntosh		
Natalie	Wilson	With the state of the recession at the present time, being able to purchase cheaper books can only be a good thing.	
Julia	Harris		
Janette	Norrie	Cheaper Books for a well read and educated country!	
Kit	Ku		
Giulia	Roiter		

Kelly Channon
Fleur Hinton
Cameron Mitchell
Lisa Grundmann
Lauren Kelly

From experience I know that book prices are far cheaper in USA and Canada and it would be great if they dropped in price here as a result of this petition.

Mary Couston
Chiara Livingston
Tracey Shea
Joan Gooley
Kerry Knobloch
Leanne Wood
Lucy Desousa
Susan McIvor
Liz Renshaw

If we are genuine in our quest for 'clever country'. It ill behoves us to put the price of books out of the reach of the poorer people and youngsters who are trying to further their careers and future.

Iris McGovern
Patricia Cairns

Why should we send our money overseas to purchase cheaper books. I'd prefer to pay that money to local traders especially in the current economic climate.

Joanne Mihelcic
Josphine Bloor
Nicole Austin
John Forsyth
Luis Rico
Shaun Davis
Emily Beale
Jane Lewandowski
Fliss LORD

We import other products from countries where it is cheaper for us to buy from so why not books. There is going to be a time in the future when actual printed material will be a thing of the past due to the technology we have these days. Yes. I do read electronic books but I still enjoy picking up a book and reading while I'm having breakfast...or lunch.

Robyn Layton
Glenn Fawcett
Marion Baker
Kirsten McWhirter
Mary Jarrott
Dominique Burke
Romalynn Oliynyk
Sindy Sulistija
Shiree Nicholas

I buy a lot of books from overseas because it often works out to be cheaper than buying them from a store in Australia, even with the cost of shipping! If books become cheaper in Australia, that would be so much better!

Gemma Leonard
Tram Trinh
Hope Steel
Natalie Valenzuela
Philip Peluso
Rovina Cai
Maggie Law
Valerie Russell
Shirley Lu
Julie Mckinnery
Marise Baldwin
Sarah Malone

Good luck..... I love reading...let's hope that books become more readily available at cheaper prices so that we may become a more literate countryall the best julie

Julie	Mcculloch
Pamela	Eaton
Shannon	Lloyd
Penny	Jones
Maureen	Navader
Maria	Cox
Andrea	Von
Kathleen	Foster
Wayne	Wood
Ben	Adolph

I have been running a bookclub for over 20 years in Perth and we are finding the cost of books, particularly new releases, has become prohibitive and is affecting both our choices, and the viability of the bookclub. Every year we debate whether it is worth continuing, and since it is groups such as ours which help support the publishing industry (yes it is mainly educated middle aged women who read regularly) this is a real issue. We are now considering older, cheaper titles, and out- of-copyright classics, so we can keep going, as most members object to paying nearly \$30 for a new paperback they may or may not like. We have watched book prices steadily climb to beyond our comfort level in the past decade. Sadly, discretionary reading has become a luxury in Australia, and the government re

Patricia	Henderson
Belinda	Locklier
Kristen	Lilley
Elizabeth	Shanks
Peter	Tonkin
Stewart	Hogben
Kati	Reeves
Gaylia	Logan
Clayton	Smith

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Dwayne	Blake
Michael	Howard
Denise	Jarvis
Joey	Baker
Debra	Smith
Johan	Samuelson
Andrew	Mercieca
Carl	Evans
T	Kennedy
Ian	Craig
Geoffrey	Britton
Janet	Collis
Kerry	Evans

Tasneem	Choudhury
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Cheaper books will result in more Australians reading and will also foster a love of literature in children. Good luck!

Steven Carr
Annette Ross
Ron Barker
Georgina Campbell-bevins
Rebecca Wise
Wilma Grogan
Renee Wells
Marilu Bini

I think we need to allow Australian booksellers to be as internationally competitive as possible, given the existing competition posed by internet booksellers such as Amazon.

Colette Dash
Malindy Wong
Nicky Kerr

The other day I spoke with a colleague who has just returned from living in the United States for several years. He bemoaned the price of books in Australia - his exact words were " the prices are criminal compares to the US". Then just last night I was going through my CD collection and saw the price sticker of an album I bought over 15 years ago. The cost was \$29- then. Now if you consider inflation then that same CD should now cost more than \$70-. But no, it probably retails for \$20- now. That's what competition and direct imports can achieve. Thankyou for your petition.

Mic Clouten
Eileen Doufas
Lyn Davies
Greg Arvanitakis
Helen Bakoulis
Anne Choudree
Amanda Smith
Megan Poole
Caroline Cox
Joan Thomas
Amanda Yoong
Mariette Tuohey
Allan MJ Ferguson
Susanne Blaschka
Graeme Loaney
Jessica Williams
Gweneth Baker

This is an imperative cause!

This is not only for me, but my children as well.

Restrictions on parallel importation is a very clear case of an anti-competitive policy which must be eliminated immediately. It obviously fosters a monopolistic environment for the book industry. It means that Australians are paying much higher prices for imported books compared to most countries in the world. That is why I frequently purchase my books via the internet whenever they are cheaper to do so compared to buying them in Australia.

Siew Wong
Meagan Paul
Irene Khoo
Sue Mullen
Paul Hutchins
Karin Vanner
Joanne Simpson
Jennifer Milligan
Susan King
Kim Galea
Richard Swann
Robert Stockdill
Edwin Mah
Shane Donohoe
Danielle Keith

Please resist the publisher's greed

Bethany Mercer
Patrick Simpson

I would purchase more new books (rather than second hand) if they were cheaper. I believe that reducing the price of books will increase sales, therefore have no negative impact on profits.

Natasha Harris
Hayley Coad
Wilma Grogan
Joy Webb
Mary Warner
Kirsten Elliott
Patricia Hipfner
Beryl Skiljan

I am buying many books from overseas because they are usually much cheaper, even with postage, than buying the same book here. (For example, an art book purchased from overseas cost me, all up, \$36.00AUD, the same book here, without postage, \$185.00AUD... I know where I will be spending my money... and I do buy a lot of books!

Yvonne Ashman
Shani Haywood
Alison Warrior

Books are essential for education, information and pleasure and should be cheap and readily available to all.

Joan Kaczmarek
Monique Bebb
Naomi Nicholson

The availability of books at cheaper prices is important in the education of the nation and the leisure of the adult population. The government should lift the restrictions on imports to allow people to enjoy literature and obtain knowledge.

Kim Eng Lee
Amanda Rossi
Erandi Perera
Manfred Kuhland
Catherine Spencer
Jackie Kennedy
Meredith Clark
Laura Baird

We believe that books are educational and life enhancing and should be accessible by everyone, everywhere. Not subject to overbearing restrictions and taxes.

Jennifer Tilt
Russell Cook
Benjamin Phua
Stacey Henderson
Peter Edwards
Francene Norton
Debra Taylor
Carly Brooks
Gail Shaw
Tracy Carr
Muoi Duong
Karl-heinz Topfer
Ee Hui Goh

The Democrats sold us out and placed GST on books. As a Teacher I see an increasing amount of illiteracy as students struggle with reading. The Ipad has replaced the book on trains.

Jeff Patchett
Jarad Rose
Suzanne Tuttle
Deborah Hutcheson
Angela Embling
Jennifer Aiton

Wilma	Grogan
Hannah	Taylor
Allanah	Smith
Janis	Turner
Xiao Lan	Lin
Roslyn	Roach
Renee	Punch
Stacy	Polas
Melissa	Girolami
Peter	Hoiles
Susie	Carpenter
Wylie	Edwards
Wilma	Chapman
Moya	Hamam
Emma	Thompson
Jill	Cooke
Kerrie	Shea
Carol	Rossetti
Jennifer	Sampson
Aaron	Galwey
John	Punch
Roslyn	Roach
Malini	Arumugam
Ngoc	Pham
Paul	Stevens
Lucie	Caillette
Tony	Harvey
Cheng	Kong
Francine	Lieschke
David	Buchbinder
Cathy	Revell
Anne Maree	Calpito
Denise	Warren
Rachael	Tomic
Hazel	Weir
G M	Horton
Leslie	McEwen
Stefan	Conrad
Maggie	Cooper
Nicole	Parker
Angela	Stark
Lydia	Dawson
Peter	Cook
Darryl	Walker
Kay	Parker
Alison	Cox
Margy	Donaldson
Shirley	Oakman
Leanne	Bedwell
Rosa	Biviano
Courtney	Thompson

As a reader, mum and primary school library officer I would dearly love to see books become more affordable.

Please listen to us! Thanks.

How many more restrictions are we supposed to deal with in this country!
It is necessary to be able to get good books at cheap rate

Yes to cheaper books! Yes to imports!

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Competition will always benefit the purchaser, but the product should be equivalent to the usual standard we have at present.

I sounds to me like a monopoly to protect certain persons/companies. Why do booksellers have to purchase through set channels? Where is our freedom and democracy? I agree entirely that authors need to be able to protect their copyrights etc. but isn't there a better system.

Samuel	Larcher
Amanda	Black
Anna	Prasertmanakit
Cushla	Fretwell
Amanda	Reid
Joan	Bryne
Jane	Breslin
Simon	Macneall
Kay	Grimley
Donna	Oliver
Kathryn	Hogan
Miriam	Morgan
Alison	Phillips
Ahmad	Entizami
Julie	Beck
Kerry	Oliver
Alice	Sclanders
John	Pittard
Kirsty	Fielden
Katrina	Bolden
Lyn	Trail
Tom	Roberts
Sharon	Van Gaal
Alan	Marlow
Irene	Harris
Liz	Brito
Rhonda	Carroll

I believe we should have cheaper books because of the economic crisis. If the books were cheaper we would be able to buy more and at the same time be educated and become a better reader. There are many great books overseas which i think we should be able to receive those great books in Australia as people may want to read them. Instead of going on a overseas book store which will end up costing us more by sending them to Australia. Or you could ask the book store to order books in from overseas which will cost the store heaps of money again. These are just a couple of agruments that i believe need fixing. Thankyou

Erika	Miller
Geoff	Isaac
Samir	Abdallah
Paul	Bridson
Rowena	Jacques
Harry	Petropoulos
Tanya	Cunningham
Lyndal	Rose
Florence	Yuen
Geoff	Isaac
Susan	Plotek
Kaye	Eastwood
Ashley	Smith
Anita	Wilkin
Andrea	Vinciullo
Marie	Gouteff
Margaret	Richardson
Kamila	Soh
Suzette	Sheppard
Tania	Shaw
Anna	Lee
Joy	Stowers

Have previously indicated my support

Have previously indicated my support

Cheaper books to help upgrade child literacy

Ruth Locker
Anita Lynch
Lindy Hende4rson
Susan Plotek

yeh i would just lyike to mention how friendly the staff are and the great books Dymocks sells.

Samantha Roma
Amy Szymanski
Sally Nolan
Adam Cousins
Alicia Harwood
Shirley Hanigan

I strongly believe Australians booksellers are disadvantaged by these restrictions particularly as I can buy on the internet from both USA & UK suppliers

Ron Miller
Tony green
Robyn Cain
Susan Moore
Elle-maree Walsh
Andrew Faith
Nicky Cook
Melissa Dickson
Jennifer Gardner
Yumi Akiyama
Sarah Kittmer
Kate Austin
Robyn Hawtin
David Foyle
Holly Cousins
Cate Sutton
Eileen Savedra
Alyssa Warrick
Monica Teng

Books are best!

Books need to be readily available at reasonable prices especially to enable young and old alike to keep reading in our current economic situation. The more young people read, the better their vocabulary, something which is growing smaller by the day in our society.

Mhrylyn Hanson Wallis
Mary Assaad
Elspeth Hodge
Geoffrey Mallon
Candice Warren
Sharon Nelson
Ann Bailey
Peter Armstrong
Lisel Hindle

The price of books in general and then the additions of mailing to outback regions in Australia almost make the buying of books a no no, gone are the days of buying a decent hardcover book.. I now wait until it comes out in paperback so I can still have the enjoyment of reading a good book

Craig Hancock
Chris Hayes

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Say no to books that are a rip off! We already pay too much.

Erika Miller
Megan Whiley
Shari Thompson
Arlene Pineda
Cherish Clarke
Tasia Liu
Desma Swift

I often buy my books online from overseas and even after I pay the postage they are still cheaper. Now I know why.

Erin Thompson
Jodie Esler
Rebecca Bull
Barbara Cox
Viviana Geiger
Sarina Murray
Eleesa Judd
Jason Sas
Ali Yousufie
Amanda Darby
Maria Fresta
Sarah Roberts
Lindy Donaldson
Suzanne Byrnes
Lois Dannecker
Melissa Ralevska

It wasn't until I had oversea's trips to Canada, USA and the UK that I realised the impost levied on books on sale in Australia. The same books available in the Northern Hemishere were some 35% 40% dearer in Australia after accounting for exchange rates.

Martyn Juckes
Stephen Nelson
Matthew Ford
Jacqueline Brimmer
Yolanda Cikovic
Jane Glowrey
Peter Wilson
Stephanie Treasure
Sonya Iskandar
Denise Chau
Simona Chanclon-nevado
Dianne Miller
Jason Adamczyk
Susan Warner
Emma La Rosa
Narrelle Morris
Erik Boman
Karen Tait
Roxanne Barratt
Adele Pietsch
Valerie Crommelin
Juanita Renwick

Steve Buck
Gemma Pullen
Lynda Maddison
Laura Hunter
Jo Swinton
Stephanie Ward
Victoria Shen
Gwendolyn Van Der Schyff
Dana Kendall-Sanders
Nola Love
Gillian Walton
John Jones
Judith Smith
Virginia Bowe
Kate Jesus
Antonieta Salerno
Sam Towill
Gavin Booth

Remove restrictions

If you want people to read books you need to make them cheaper. Books overseas are a fraction of the price and even buying books over the internet save \$\$\$\$. If a non-virtual bookshop is to survive they need to be able to compete pricewise. Please help them to do so.

Ingrid Saywell
Michele Buck
Dagmar Theil

with a reported drop in the literacy of our children, cheaper books would be extremely beneficial in enhancing their reading and writing skills.

Margaret Davey
Tracy Meyn
Anne Tracey
Alison Kenyon
Jocelyn Pech
Laurena Douglas
Lorraine Adrian
Stephanie Jarrett
Duncan Adams
Tamara Gray
Ramon Herrera
Anwar Raslan

you had the wrong address for me (a NSW address) so I changed it

Elizabeth Galvin
Jeremiah Devine
Helen Westwood
Dale Ware
Uta Wicke
Dianne Menzel
Yoli Dacic
Barbara Calipo

Greater accessibility to affordable books would only improve the educational status of our communities and also give greater access to those cannot afford to buy books.

Anthony Walsh
Diana Garnett

Greater competition and cheaper books for working families in Australia will help in these very difficult economic times. The cheaper it is to allow my 4 children to read a broad range of books, the more likely my children will become productive members of Australian society.

Jane Lelliott
Ron Field
Ingrid Ibbotson
Laszlo Nemes

Reading is one of the joys of life, it is important that books are available at affordable prices for everyone.

Internet retailers from the US and UK have an unfair advantage over local retail outlets that should be addressed.

Anthony Gibbs
Michelle Minto
Celeste Beldon

If we are unable to buy cheaper within Australia our money will go overseas Isn't the Government trying to make Aussie's buy in Australia to buy locally to Keep Aussie jobs?????????

Jenny Milgate
Jill Manning
Cindy Lay
Karen Sprey
Raquel Chester
Don Hunt
Marguerite Vo
Laurean Dekker
Ian C Young
Veronica Anderson
Joanna Blanco
Gail Mackie
Narelle Lee
Jessica Barratt
Katie Wain
Jessica Scott
Melissa Adams
Leah Chettle

I fully support the interests of this petition.

Belen Lamond
Carole Stoddart
Sue Mirow
Stephanie Dryden
Sheila Quirk
Mark Lang
Kerri Sims
John Dawson

I have no objections as long as the quality of paper and colour photographs are of high standards. Thanks.

Joseph Emmanuel
Amanda Hart
Rebecca Hardy
Jane Wilson

books are vital to a nations education and should be seen as a strategic resource made available as widely as possible as cheaply as possible
Go for it with my blessing

Tricia Jarvis
Silvia D'Avola
Chris Thompson
Guy Savage
Alan Clarke
Rachel Lambert
Tony Ellis
Jude Searle

Cheaper books sooner! I cant afford to keep ordering from Amazon. It will be better for the economy if I buy them from Australian book stores too

Chris Exall
Sandie Roberts
Rachael Stewart
Marta Musial
Colleen MacMichael
Julia Crossman
Paul Tavatgis
Brett Meaney

Here Here!!

Lets put the consumer before those with vested interests in keeping this cartel continuing

The price of books in Australia is scandalous! For a so called educated nation, we are certainly hampering the efforts of many Australians by making it financially tougher to access books....that is without resorting to ordering from overseas. And in this tough economic climate, shouldn't we be encouraged to support local businesses?

Amanda Nellist
Matty Biliias

Ray Gill
Gail Alvares
Penny Mckee
David Porter
Diane Nicolson
Mieke Bungener
Jo Mcneil
Philip Smith
Noela Whittaker
Angela Hogarth
Frances Guinness
Helen Mitchell
Dr Peter G Lehman
Rachel Mcgahon
Guy Morgan
Pauline Young
Shauna Hoogland
Judy Hosfal
Elizabeth Scott
Megan Richardson
Antoinette Emenyeonu
Cheryl de Blaquiere
John Cox
Dale Dalton
Jessica Ribot
Sallie Hand
Lorraine Cullen
Anthony Robinson
Gabrielle Huntley
Emma Northrop
Bernard Donnelly
Cher Vialle
Kathy Wilson
Kaila Mattingly-king
Sarah King
Christine Nay
Georgina Boutros
Lara Byrnes
Anthony Hardy
Gay Arthur
Erika Miller
Kerrie Collett
Joanne Gangell
Adam Osborne
Karen Donnelly
Tuckweng Kok
Garry Coombe
Kylie Castor
Rachel Spooner
Michael Carter

Why should Australians be barred from having cheaper books like our overseas cousins, come on give us a fair go.

no.

Please all we want is a FAIR GO for booklovers - that is sellers AND readers

Neil Scott
Adam Beckingham

I currently buy most of my books (15 - 20 per year) from Amazon.com It is much cheaper to have them mailed to my home from the US than to buy them from an Australian book store.

Bruce Kelley
Justin Mccormack

Books are still the primary source of education and enjoyment. This is a lot cheaper on the taxpayer than supplying computers to one and all. Please make purchasing books cheaper for the country consumer.

Karin Lambie
Jessica Prince
Angie Perry
Josephine Leith Harding
Nina Vandenberg
Armanda Scorrano
Laura Hurley
Gillian Tucak
Kingsley Farrow
Helena De Jong

I believe that in these difficult financial times, anything that allows access to cheaper books should be welcomed. Books constitute a wonderful way of maintaining an active and healthy mind and as such can help in saving Medical expenses

David Wills
Phil Wild
Geraldine Burton

Books are precious and should be available to all at a price that does not break the budget.

Greta Gottlieb
Frank Hunnekens
RALPH T Archbold
Judi Aird
JODI WALKER
Grant Mckenzie

It is not just a question of cheaper prices but the diversity of choice and currency.

As a school librarian I believe this is important.

Najwa Khoury
Imelda Ryan
Lucinda Walton

I have travelled extensively and have always found the price of books in Australia is far greater than other countries. This is unfortunate as it deters people from purchasing books.

Salim Jordan
Robin and K. Jestrinski
Glenys Orme
Jennifer Allan
Sue Crossley
Debbie Pringle
Thomas Walker-Jacobs
Susan Jones
Peter Tri
Sarah Cargill
John Tollan
Meher Irani
Clare Chantler
Paul Cook
Steven Christmas
Chris Barratt

I would urge the removal of this restriction. I buy hundreds of dollars of books on an annual basis and I must tell you, I buy the majority from amazon.com (ie. overseas). Why? Price! Case in point: I wanted to buy "The Audacity of Hope". Even after paying the amazon.com retail price AND the shipping, it was still CHEAPER than buying at my local Dymocks which is not more than 100 meters from my office.

I agree absolutely with this petition

Peggy Renshaw
Domi & Alex Burton
Lisa Lindley
Dodds Pringle
Anthony Larme

Why should we be penalised?
It would be wonderful to get sheaper books !

Philip Nurse
Damon John Fisher
Josh Walker-Jacobs
Carole Hodder

I buy all my books via Amazon.com There is just no comparison to local pricing.

Marilyn Linn

If books can be cheaper, I'm 100% in favour of the importation of cheaper books.
Maybe then we can get something like Amazon.com here too!

Paul Mccarthy
Danielle King
Kathy Wasiak
Naomi Atkins
Rena Hirsch
Sandra Metherell
Alison Cook
Angela Barac
Carl Scarlett
Scott Campbell
Andrew Walker-Jacobs
Emma Vercoe
Sandra Stewart
Lorraine Kousins
Hailey Cowley
Tawnee Hill
Amanda Williams
Hayley Apps
Kayna Mucio
Jodie Mitchell
Diandra Zervos
Pushba Thangaraju
Dan Halford
Jodi Palmer
Rose Cameron
David Potter
William Tran

I purchase books online from overseas because of the cheaper prices available. It would be in the national interest for local suppliers to be able to match these prices.

Jessica Pankiewicz
Helen Dubois
Gillian and J. Kaub
Abigail Walker-Jacobs
Susan Denishensky
Diane Bird
Greg D'Arville
Roslyn Edwards
Judith Ginn
Robert Phillips
Kara Macdonald
Alana Lesan
Litsa Falas
Elena Rodriguez
Keira Galea
Melanie Coombes

CHEAPER BOOKS FOR AUSSIES!!!

Katherine Barry	Pilkington Fox	I currently purchase about 80% of my books online from international sources - I'd be happy to buy books from local sources if the prices were comparable
Michelle Greg Carrie	Firmin Long Baker	i would support my local book stores, but when u can buy them cheaper in places such as kmart and big w the need to save money over rides supporting local businesses
Carol Latisha	Byrne Negerman	I am an avid reader - and have been since a small child. This was something instilled by my parents and the love of which has remained with each of my siblings today. I believe books are important in everyones life - one never gets the same feelings or senses from movies, TV as they do from a book and where a child is concerned it allows the use of imagination to no end - books should be affordable to everyone!!
Beverley Kim Katrina Phillip Natalie Sue Danielle Alan Louise Tara Carolyn	French Crumpton Reardon Webb Pearce Tiv Van Der Heide Hooper Donly Titterton Adams Walker-Jacobs	Why should we have to wait 12 months before buying a cheaper book? I would suggest that the average book reader is always pleased to read their favourite author/s as soon as each book released and we should be able to get each book as cheaply as we can.
Bronwyn Chak Chi Renee Lisa Rebecca Anthony Alison Bruce Natalie Leanne Janine	Sharpe Chan Arkinstall Baliotis Wong Rich Neil Bardell Neill Malczewski Hanley	As a former teacher, Mother & now Grandmother I cannot stress to much the importance of reading to children. It is a bonding & learning time that can give some of the greatest pleasures in life. When my eldest granddaughter was 3 I gave her an egg & her brother of 1 a book. All that Sophia wanted was a book & to sit on my lap to hear it read. A Chocolate lasts but a minute or so but a book can be shared & enjoyed for years to come not just with the recipient but with innumerable people.
Keith Jane Cassandra Faye Fay Emma	Fung Zou Spiers Powderly Powell Clark	A society cannot prosper if it penalises the acquisition of knowledge through restrictive laws on access to information.
Graham Desley Neil	Faulkner Roche Young	We need to promote reading in this country and finding ways to lower the retail prices must be a crucial element of that process.

Suzy	Deadman
Patricia	Barron
Elizabeth	Harris
John	Petrie
Denise	Blanchard
Helen	Linehan
Jenny	Stevens
Romain	Briest
Janine	Howell
Kim	Brackman
Christopher	Cole
Andrea	Paterson
Jim	Stokes
Violeta	Stanic
Elizabeth	Harris
Jocelyn	King
Michael	Mcgrath
Pam	Howard
Kate	Ho

I regularly purchase books via amazon for this very reason, as it is often cheaper to buy several texts AND pay the shipping than to purchase the same books in Australia. Arbitrary barriers to trade should not be acceptable.

David	Henderson
Teena	Siney
Kim	Buchanan
Tracy	Harris
Aisling	Lim

How are we supposed to educate our children and community in literacy if books are too pricey? Books are already too expensive here compared the UK for example. Reading is such a crucial skill for people to learn and develop - people of all ages. I support this 100%. Regards

Robyn	Davison
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As a teacher I feel the need for cheaper books is very important. I can buy books overseas and get them shipped here cheaper than purchasing them in Australia.

Joanne	Johnson
Rani	Mohan
Shalisa	Maisrikrod
Alex	Rolfe
Natalie	Webster
Ian	Blue
Michelle	Kelاهر
Kylie	Sharpe
Fleur	Niesche-trehan
Mary Jo	Martin
David	Cliff
Natacha	Edouard
Louyse	Ahlquist
Mike	Mills
Andrew	Mitchell
Andrew	Forbes
Anita	Ramondetta
Jess	Neild
Shawn	Freeburn
Jennifer	Mould
Laurel	Clarke
Christine	Ross
Kelly	Meers

I love to read! Bring on the cheaper books!

Cheaper books = accessible books and learning

Having lived in the UK and Asia, I was surprised to find books so much more expensive in Australia. I'm fortunate enough to have voracious young readers in my daughters, but I wonder what they would do if they had to fund their own reading habits! Don't make cost a disincentive to reading.

Tracy Case
Gillian Beazley
Alan Starr

These laws need to be changed to allow local booksellers to compete with the likes of Amazon.

Gerard Weidland

Coming from the UK I am shocked to find the high cost of books here in Australia, both of my children are avid book readers, the high cost of books is curtailing this vital part of their learning development.

Lesley King
Angela Serra
Gemma Mooney
Karen Monaghan

Books aren't just for entertainment - every student, teacher and academic will be affected, as will the schools, universities, and other learning institutions they are part of. Surely it should be cheaper to educate, not dearer?!?!

Kelly Stokes
Lyndyl Greer
David Alderson
Cecilia Ha
Garry Houghton
Kylie Brooks
Dr Andrea Peiser
Nigel Bowbridge
Quan Tran
Jesus Lariosa

Books are knowledge.

The situation with books should be brought into line with the situation for cds, as long as the copyright for authors does stay in place

Malcolm Barnett
Victoria Clark
Ewan Stoddart
RIKKI-LEA SLOAN
Stephen Poole
Margaret Knight

Books should be as inexpensive as possible. I applaud the Coalition for Cheaper Books Campaign.

Rodney Bourke
Sarah Davey
Laura-Jane Maher
Necia Burford
Rachael Edwards
Jill Mc Ewen
Michael Atkins
Edwin Lok
Jennifer Price
Deborah Wright
Jenny McLeod
Chris Devlin
Margaret Luckett

I have found that books here are generally well above the UK price.

David Davis Jones
Craig Ayliffe
Ann Pollard
Ian Shardlow
Nicholas Scanlon
Lynette Scott
Claire Seret
Prashant Sallan
Cynthia Spasic

The U.K. and the U.S. are supposed to be our trading partners - so why stop us sourcing cheaper books from these countries ?

Victoria	Rodda
Marie	Steele
Brad	Loader
Alison	Kennedy
Ann	Dye
Marilyn	Hill
Amber	Taylor
Melissa	Moore
Cameron	Murray
Yvonne	Jasper
Stephanie	Gaunt
Michael	Groth
Lucy	Zheng
Belinda	Pickert
Amy	Smith
Camilla	Dorian
Zeb Storme	Brierley
Terri	Brown
Marion	Browne
Michelle	McGee
Donald	Hudson
Ian	Bridges
Jasmine	Freeman
Irene	Wilkins
Jennie	Wells
Jeet	Delvene
Aine	McSweeney

Cheaper books = easier access to information & resources = smarter country

We must make books accessible to all.

I am an avid reader and have a young child who I am encouraging to read. Part of my strategy is to make visiting a bookshop and buying a book a fun and enjoyable experience. However the current cost of books, including children's books, is prohibitive. The average paper back picture book is around \$15, with many considerably more. Anything that can be done to increase competition and lower the retail price of books would be a good thing.

Susan	George
Vicki	O'Dea
Corrinne	Ng
Anke	Nagel
Danny	Vits
Mary	McBride
Cathryn	Leigh
Jon	Fettes
Vita	Victoria
Tharanga Sr	Weerakkody
Tanya	Pavlovic
Paul	Brice

Any project to aid people to obtain reading matter must be supported, for their education as well as for recreational advantage. Go for it .A great project.

Mavis	Burgess
Michael	Frost

This has been an unfair monopoly for some time. Good luck in getting the system changed.

Warwick	Isherwood
Emma	Castagna
Vicky	Toparlanis
Benjamin	Hourigan
Adam	Sharman
David	Robinson
Ellina	Sun
Grant	Steven

I moved here from UK less than 2 years ago and find the prices of books here ridiculous - sometimes 3 times as much as some shops/online stores in UK!

Nicola	Armitt
Joanna	King
Peter	Jeffers
Juliana	Archbold
Dianne	Jones
Kerry	Durie
Matthew	Healey
Anthony	Powell
Julie	Wallace
Rachel	Mines
Vera	Sadikin
Lindi	Vickery
James	Vreeling
David	Gravina
Ewa	Malinowska
Dorn	Moss
Chantal	Young
Jessica	Finnegan
Rabin	Poudel
Cathy	Verga
Maria	Savas
Andrew	Brown
Tom	Ferris
Genevieve	Lehman
Sue	Cronin
Roslyn	Prasad

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Duncan	Bainbridge
Sue	Griffin
Philip	Ng
Gemma	Roberts
Amy	Kerr
Janos	Dabasy
Amanda	Baker
Karen	Abeson
Deidre	Timms

I would welcome this change. If the product is good enough I would read it. I read a lot of Australian fiction and will continue to do so. I see this as still supporting local writers and the local publishing industry. If the cost is cheaper so much the better.

Neville	Murray
Judi	Digregorio
Jacquelyn	Cullen
Christina	Illing
Vicki	Groat
Shaun	Dinsdale
Victoria Alice	Sainsbury
Karen	Hoffensetz
Lorna	Rutherford
Angela	Fichera
Maree	Mayer
Glenys	Fawcett
Ben	Shaw
Susan	Dawson
Leanne	Graham
Lesley	Woodhouse
Hugh	Proctor

Smart Australia is cheaper books.

Janice	Hook	I purchase lots of books off betterworld books and amazon because books are just too expensive here	
Asha	Davis		
Allison	Beaumont		
Christine	Git Harvison		
Harry Rosan	Sidhunata		
ARY	GRINBERG		
Janelle	Woods		
Robyn	Harvey		I love Books & Audio books & would love to see more people reading more than just magazines. Making books cheaper would give people more choice in their reading matter, Books can take you to new worlds with exciting adventures I fully support this petition, books are so important to myself, and my three children, as you know they bring so much value to our lives in many different ways, also having 3 children I am always on a tight budget and hope that this petition helps us all. :)
Jenni	Crawley		
Kerry	Bryant		
Robert	Lorenzo		
Nathan	Knight		
Abi	Noonan		
Trinh	Nguyen		
Michael	Adamson		
Anthony	Rowden	high tariffs on books is a back door attempt at censorship even if not draconian in its intent if books are cheaper more people will buy; a greater market will encourage authors to seek to publish - good for the Australian writing and reading communities While supporting the coalition I would like to point out that even for second-hand books it is often cheaper to purchase overseas and pay the (somewhat excessive) postal charges than to purchase from an Australian supplier. Booksellers are by no means always competitive in an International market. books are essential for developing the mind, relaxation, learning and bettering oneself. The cheaper they are the more available they become	
Leon	Lim		
Margarita	Beker		
Michael	Dale		
Lorraine	Aitken		
Debbi	Albrecht		
Caroline	Badocha		
Melanie	Spence		
Ian	Pollard		
Chirstine	Lewis		
Laura	Harvey	Currently Australians are financially under greater pressure. Cheaper books would help! The Government wants people to spend money to increase the economy. If it is cheaper to buy books then people are more like to spend. It is a contradiction of the Government's policies and goals to not help the book suppliers buy cheaper books and inhibit consumers to spend money. Plus, books educate people including our youth and in turn make Australia a stronger nation.	
Joanne	Howard		
Cathie	Hodge		I find it sad that I can import at least 2 books from the USA for less than the price of one of them from a retailer here. I would much prefer to buy my non fiction books from an Australian retailer, but this is why I get them from overseas.
Kenneth	Fong		
Justine	Mcinerney		
Peter	Seal		
Robert	Davis		
Patricia	Avey		
Xiangyu	Zhang		
Kate	Viner		

Jennifer Garlinge
Nicole Williams

This is ridiculous, this petition should be called 'how not to kill the book industry in australia' i can buy a book off Amazon.com and have it shipped to australia in 3 days cheaper than I can walk up the street and buy it. Ridiculous.

Karl Melrose
Karen Touma
Celine Chu
Tamara Phillips
Justin Wood
Nyree Curnow
Brooke French
Kristy Lyden
Liz Quirk
Prue Littleton
Caroline Pyszko
Carol Brown
Yvonne Steirn
John Gardner
Jessica Grimshaw

I'm all for having cheaper books, across the whole range of topics, and to cover all authors.

Don Hawkes
Georgina Douglas Morse
Darius Irvin
Kathryn Bergstrum
Chloe Hannay
Anne Egerton-vernon
Leanne Brand
Sharon Harding
Jennifer Saunders
Rebecca Lake
Catherine Young

The removal of the anti-competitive industry restrictions on importing of books and software will increase the competitiveness of Australia, reduce our balance of trade deficit and stop the exploitation of Australian consumers by major international corporations. This is an obvious benefit to all Australians.
there is a need for more cheaper books. if the books are cheaper than more can be bought by the public which will then cover the costs of the expensive. this include both oversea and home books.

Peter Breis

Martina Huynh
Mark Vitale
Marcia Jones
Val Tran
Ling Wong
Rosalie Smith

Good work dymocks

Sandy Hewitt
Elizabeth Hales
Kerri Hudson
Judy McHugh
Francoise Janod-groves

I am very much in favor of getting cheaper books elsewhere in the world. We love our books and if it is possible to get them cheaper from other countries then I am all in favor of it.

thanks for thinking of your readers.

Cheaper books would bring the literary world to more families in Australia and enhance children's education.

Elaine Farrelly
Brooke Luder
Michelle Cook
Terence Beath
Matt Menegazzo
Melissa Covino

I fully agree with the petition and hope notice is taken of its content

Sue Jervis
Emily Hunter
Gabriel Fattal
Betty Porritt
Rebecca Dorries
Martin Lovegrove
Steven Morrison
Mark Jones
Deborah Moore

Betty Porritt

This petition is a most reasonable proposal protecting copyright as well as authors and publishers income, while providing a means of making books cheaper for the general public.

John Tong
Narelle Murray
Dayle English
Meme Thorne
Christine Lawn
Jillian Fookes
Tom Gotsis
Jackie Van Dam
Maria Micallef
Ashleigh Quinn
Ray Crossley
Julie Reany
Kerri Jessep
Kathrine Taliana
Giulia Mason
Lourdes Subijano
Anita Lee
Josephine Duigu
Helen Robertson

For Australia to be a clever country, books must be affordable for all.

Books can be the core of learning for both children and adults. Anything that can foster MORE reading at more reasonable costs should have the full support of our government and communities. It may even help our bookstores from becoming as non-existent as newspapers in the very near future! The cost of books in Australia is extremely high (compared to say, America) and people may look for other avenues for printed books (i.e. the internet) if this government is not more proactive in making a change.

Dixie Salo
Hannah Gobbe
Sallie Drake
Daniel Arnaldi
Christine Langshaw

Open the market. It becomes more competitive and better for buyers. Plus it will support our local bookstores!

Broderick Matthews
Benjamin Chow
Venu Parthiban

I wholeheartedly support this initiative and would buy a lot more books if this restriction was removed !!!!

Anne Watson
Kristina Simonvska
Kristy Grandison
Sandra Valentine
Grace Alai
Alison Rogers
Jill Aitken
Wendy Mayes
Donald Barclay
Debbie Brammall
Yvonne Howarth

Why is the government trying to help Australian subsidiaries or agents of overseas publishers to monopolize the book industry? This not only helps to raise the price of literature, it may even discourage public reading and younger generations will sway more and more to potentially unproductive activities. In this context, reading Internet articles are not as good as reading proper literature. People may also read inappropriate materials through the Internet, or even read 'pirated books' in digitalized form, hence less sales for Australian book distributors. No, we don't want to be able to purchase cheaper books AFTER a year it has been published elsewhere around the world. With the current economy, people may even tend to wait to buy cheaper after a year, then what would happen to the s

Jiann Yuan Ho
 Lilly Crino
 Kay Joyce
 Alison Hassell
 Jasmine Marosvary
 Dianne Ziino
 Louise Adlard
 Denise Moss
 JAZ Turner
 Victoria Green
 Sarah Brown
 Jake Kroker
 Rhiannon Ernst
 Oli Young
 Gerry Hunter

High pricing for books injures the country in so many ways - books are fundamental to education, an informed populace, and are a fundamental pleasure to boot. Banning parallel importing is simply trade protectionism - something we claim to be against - indeed we are actively negotiating free trade agreements all over the world right now - why not for books too?

Jeremy Daalder
 Maria Sonntag
 Hellie Turner
 Judy Bainbridge
 Erin Jones
 Bill Wang
 Kai Ge
 Trang Tien
 Yiquan Chen
 Erica Hoehn

The high price of the books, the high piratical rate.

Guenther Prass
 Steve Turner
 Elena Tsangari- Vorkas
 Courtney Newey

I strongly support the submission of the Coalition for cheaper books to remove the restrictions on parallel importation

Joel Lipman
 Jacqui Pettit
 Sim Ng
 Maria Wilheli Arcilla
 Helena Skyring
 Catherine Smallwood
 Panfilo Jr Hizola
 Cara-louise Davison
 Jason Conlon
 Miriam Tonkin

Who is this legislation going to benefit? Certainly not Australian's. It will only harm retailers. Look how many people go to Amazon to buy books from the US. Why? because it's cheaper. We are only hurting Australian's and Aussie retailers.

Chi Kong	Ma
Linda	Johnstone
Steve	James
Nelius	Jordaan
Susa	Willetts
Benjamin	Draffin
Trisha	De Nieuwe
Alan	Golding
Jennifer	Cahill
Heather	Hartfiel
Helen	Lindquist
Stephanie	Khoo
Fanny	Chandra
Nickie	Ung
Alexis	Ward
Michelle	Green
Elizabeth	Vial
Julie	Kelton
Daniel	Walters
Vivienne	Potter
Melanie	Parkinson
Jackie	Knight
Alison	Smith
Yuki	Kondo
John	Pill

If books were cheaper more young adults and people would be able to buy and read more books!

Jessica	Dykes
Barbara	Natoli
Jeanine	Ellis
Diana	Anthony
Kelly	Hillsley
Pala	Bharti
Julie	Evans
Stirling	Butcher
Melinda	Meyer
Leslie	Austin
Jay	Ponazecki
Angela	Corletto
Luke	Duane
Lorraine	Pietrafesa
Jane	Doyle
Peter	Petrou
Mark	Thompson
Rebecca	Opie
Natasha	Koch
Kristen	Lucardie
Melissa	Sly
Scott	Nash
Christopher	Harris
Suzanne	Campbell
Mark	Tesan
Lisa	Yesuratnam
Lorraine	Pavsic
Gianna	Richards
Joanna	Hughes
Catherine	McDougall

This seems pretty obvious to me, really.

Tamina	Ostling	I would by more books from shops and Australian sellers if they were cheaper - more often than not they are cheaper from online bookshops from overseas even after the delivery charge. Cheaper books will keep more people reading. Reading is a very essential tool for education and it aids communication in society. I support the removal of restrictions on imported books.
Sharon Frances Simone Norman Stacey Simon Simon	Dou Tudor Partridge Newbon Miller Hein Eve-macleod	
Sandra Morag Allura	Harman Wallace Solon	Please make reading and knowledge more accessible by making books cheaper
Kristine Chris John Diana Kathryn Wendy Deirdre	Fu Morgan Fisher Willoughby Fritz Cannell McQuillan	The knowledge and enjoyment derived from reading books should be made available to as many people as possible, and can be achieved by reducing the price of books.
Mark Jennifer Dan Pam Sheryl Cara Amy	Anderson Dale Butzbach Maragos Galgut Dickins Pearce	There is clearly something wrong with the pricing of Australian books when I find that I can personally import a book from the US and pay expensive shipping costs yet still save money over an equivalent Australian purchase.
Karisa Kay Nikki Todd Claire Peter Linda Jenny	Whelan Potter Manning Simpson Holmes Halim Wagland Van Lennep	I currently order books from the US on a monthly basis due to the large book market there and would love to be able to shop locally to get them. Plus the postage on buying two or three books is ridiculous.
Debra Lynne Deborah Gayle Alex Maureen Briç	Bourne Dinh Lewis Cole Carter Halloran	Books are so important to provide empowerment, education, awareness and experience to people of all ages and in all walks of life. Lets make it easier for people to grow into better citizens / mentors / guides/ employees / employers / parents / students / educators and all have better lives !
Kerry Tim Jessica	Jodrell Tomac Mathews	Why are readers discriminated against? CD's were reduced in price....now it's our turn!

Linda	Newsham
Mike	Park
Farah Yasmi	Mohd Fairuz
Robinson	Ron
Halena	Frick
Katherine	Kokke
Dianne	Brooks
Theodore	Pantazis
Margaret	Wood
Kevin	Clark
Christine	Rowland
Karl	Ray
Brett	Molony
Brenton	Forrest
Carmel	Meleady
Jennifer	Dunn
Rose	Vallentine
John	Lewis
Karen	Gordon
Sarah	Hespe
Natasha	Mitchell
Lesley	O'Hara
Judy	Pattermann
Ellen	Burne
Kirsten	Simm
Susan	Mosel
Katherine	Szabo
Rachel	Waterhouse
Margaret	Leggott
Peter	Robson
Joanne	Harvey
Wilma	Grogan
Diem	Tran
Margaret	Edwards
Barbara	Roberts
Carol	Whitworth-Hird
Glen	Wheatley
Anthony	Lock
Michael	Walker
Susan	Atkins
Tracey	Campbell
Chris	Lawn
Valerie	Coyle
Alan	Symons
Rosalie	Pearson
Bronwyn	Dohrmann
Jo-Anne	Cooper
Linda	Parkinson
Barry	Seeley
Tara	Lee
Stephen	Fausset

Books are fantastic things that should be affordable by all.

bring on the cheap books!!

Profiteering from restrictive arrangements of distributorships etc is criminal in nature. With copyright fully protected there is absolutely no reason for these types of arrangements to continue.

Deepak	Rathod
Anita	Furnell
Ellie	Meure
Milton	Bird

Melanie Reynolds

Since the GST books have gone up in price a huge amount, we all want cheaper access to books.

Andrew Benson
Margot Nicholas
Marilyn Krogh
Patricia Ryder
Ben Thomas
Leeann Thomas
Donna Hewitt
Cathy Li
Barbara Van Leeuwen
Megan O'Keefe
Neil Elsmore
Candice Sellwood
Amanda Bosco
Melissa de Largie
Nancy Alessi
Dianne Mackintosh
Brian Rankin
Janette Vance
Joanna Cooper
Claudia Naug
Ben Hocking
Sharna Bremner
Victoria Raisin
Guy Ciavarella
Jason Skippings
Jean Broomhall
Karen Wiggins
Angela De Sousa
Grantley Rogers
Claisen Dela Cruz-aloria
Darren Hart
Greg Pedrazzini
Derek Ford
Rhonda Andrews
Claire Humphreys
Juliana Nicholls
Vicki Harris
Helen Snoswell

Keep prices down we need to learn to read

John Hawkins
Jessica Voigt
Laura Forde
Ryan Blake
Tim Aslat
Bruce Gendre
Biancamaria Duke
Regina Hart
Lisa Boseley
Scotty Laverick
Emma Kennelly
Stephen Fuller
Charles Hunt
Tim Miller
Heather Hunt
Melissa Munn

when i travel overseas i always notice that books are cheaper in other countries.

Janet Quinlan
Glover Richard
Nigel Adams
Sheila Baker
Jan Finkelstein
Dorothy Hosking
Dorian Castro
Lorraine Aitken
Carole Hynes
Sabina Rahman
Margaret Hogan
Yvette Radolovic
Naomi Boss
Fernanda Lilja

cheaper books would assist in more sales and more people reading, its a win win solution.

John Bussell
Emma Craighead
Brad Wilksch
Marianosa De Mizio
Nada Carida
Mandeep Singh
Amanda Hawkins
James Coulehan
Michelle Muller
Carrie Pope
Colin Rogers

I think its about time things changed.

Michele Probin

This would also open up for fair competition between all the retailers. In the end it would be consumers who are the winners.
yes, like i believe reducing prices is a fantastic idea, it means people can finally afford to buy a book to enjoy reading, most people these days are on budgets due to the economic crisis. libraries are annoying, i'd prefer to own my own books, which i can read anytime anywhere :)

Cassie Greco
Jane Moroney
G Pelletier
Mike Kavanagh
Nhung Nguyen

This is a great initiative, I support Dymocks and Don's view on this. Kind Regards,
Glen.

Glen Barry
Helen Fairnie
Laura Mancuso
Linda Cain
Sandy Maxwell

Margaret Sullivan
Michelle Fox
Roger Burrell
Mridula Sharma
Sheli Major

the reduction in price will assist people becoming well read and knowledgeable Let strive to be a more learned country

Julie Rackebrandt
Amanda Mcgroder
Jewel Tungupon
Sasha Oelsner
Patricia Zacaropoulos
Kim Hannah
Natalie Blanke

This would keep Australian money from going off-shore via on-line bookstores (which I have only used due to the significantly cheaper price), thus saving jobs here.

I might actually buy more new books if they weren't so ridiculously expensive.

David	Ting
Wendy	Szekeres
Jonathan	Phillips
Vivien	Leung
Jacki	Thomas
Deena	Otway
Patricia	Bolin
Alice	Vivian
Alice	Greenaway
Gemma	McBride
Sensory	Loo
Katherine	Lawn
Noel	Wilton
Judith	Balfour
James	Prato
Vanessa	Bai
Monika	Iskander
Fiona	Hayes
David	Reimers
Katrina	May
Sheena	Pillay
Julie	Hutson
Ann	Forbes
Alicia	O'Hearn
Samantha	Grech
Victor	Kardash
Kelly-ann	Thompson
Robyn	Levee
Joyleen	Gibbons
Allison	Brown
Sheilareen	Ordonez
Genevieve	Roberts
Stacey	Brown
Marina	Deluchi
Rosemary	Farrelly
Trish	Darcy
Alicia	Maxwell
Pippa	Colreavy
Chris	Fitsimmons
Katie	Scharrer
Sarah	Bucklar
Christina	Kay
Stacy	Mader
Jennifer	Baker
Kira	Tapps
Amrinder	Sandhu
Victoria	Liu
Mona	Pham
Jayne	Wrigley
Patrina	Duffy
Michael	Lawson
Fiona	Fuhlbohm
Gisele	Zanier
Bruce	Thompson
Hayley	Mason-Leigh
Elysse	Kuhar

computers, tv's and electronic games may all be good and fun for children, but books are what have shaped our country and world and progressed it to what it is today. everyone has a right to be able to have access to them at a better price, with out a government restricting everything all the time!

The price of books is prohibitive to people with limited incomes, making it hard for families to purchase books especially for children. If we are concerned with improving the literacy level of the community it is important that books are available at a price that the more vulnerable families are able to afford. Children especially need to have books in their homes and to see their parents read as well as themselves. Not all people have access to libraries and it is good for families to have books in the home to reread, which is not possible when books need to be returned to libraries

Rachel Macri

Dianne Beck
Alana Bechelli
Margaret Standish
Kerrie Stuckey
Anita Morlacci
Leah Duffield
Katrina Cox
Mikaela Borgas
Leanne Edmond
Joann Line
Cleve Brisbane
Ian Baird
Barbara Ralph
Jo Holmes
Natalie Blanke

I read a lot and prefer to buy books rather than get them from the Library as I often re-read them many years later. When I retire in a few years I will not be able to afford to buy new release books and loose one of my chief sources of entertainment. If the petition is successful it will enable me to continue to buying and reading these wonderful tomes. I also believe younger people would read more if books were more affordable.

Wilma Jane O`Rourke
Renee Walkerden
Winston Lee
Leonie Mccann
Teresa Slowik
Cherie Fraser
Lucas Spezzacatena
Julius Sule
Veronica Tooker
Jane Bennett
Daniele Brierley
Sandra Baynes
Mellisa Mcdonnell
Alexandra Threlfall
Kim Archibald
Ryan Jeffery
Burce Pulbrook
Jody Frazier
Sui Lai Kang
Anna Sprajc
Ann Brown

Ingrid Weiss

Books are far too expensive in Australia!!! Why should we pay more than in US?

I find it ridiculous that it is cheaper for me to buy books on Amazon.com and have them shipped to Australia than it is for me to go to my local bookstore to buy current releases. Restrictions MUST be removed!!! I would prefer for my hard earned to be spent in Australia and not overseas!!

Would love to see Cheaper books available.

Kristy	Mays
Valerie	Johnsen
Richard	Platt
Angelina	Hapsari
Kate	Bruck
Jacqueline	Doherty
Nenita	Urmeneta
Robert	Kennelly
Jenna	Paterson
Theo	Bekkers
Noni	Ahluwalia
Wendy	Ollivier
Naomi	Bicheno
Kirsty	Unsworth
Kylie	Walters
Ann	Legzde
Lauretta	Davies
Rebecca	Instance
Hugh	Hyde-Page
Mellita	Cheah
Jennie	Ritzrow
Stephen	Tieck
John	Scarafiotti

Reading is a right not a privilage. The UK does not load the price of books with unnecessary tolls and taxes and neither should Australia. I support this drive wholeheartedly.

Suzanne	Rouse
Jan	Flew
Michael	Meloni
Karen	Mcnair
Melanie	Braggs
Louise	Mcsporrان

I would love the opportunity to purchase books cheaper in a store - it would stop me shopping online though ebay etc to find them at the cheapest price

Natalie	Kerr Vanlook
Catherine	Campbell
Scott	Mildren
Shaun	Coggins
Jill	Slattery
Judith	Savage
Janet	Oscar
Graeme	Collis
Anna	Richter
Amanda	Mcintosh

i would love cheaper books please.

Serena	Mathew
Tihana	Berak

I think the government should encourage reading by endorsing cheaper books, if the price of books was to drop consumers would be able to buy more of them.

Ingrid	Weiss
Julie	Wilson
Dan	Greensill
Trudy	Shearer
Sara	Sugden
Barbara	Grant
Jan	French
Jessica	Harrison

Books are far too expensive in Australia!!! Why should we pay more than in US?

Melissa	Keating
Mary	Edgar
Mark	Tuckwell
Kathryn	Pfeiffer
Natashia	Bevilacqua
Margaret	Weber
Wendy	Jones
Joy	Northover
Colin	Levine
Wendy	Gardam
Julie	Richardson
Susan	Parkington
Ruth	Baldwin
Nigel	Beadman
Pauline	Harley
Pamela	Ryan
Debbie	Haufe
Helen	Swift

This would be awesome as books are so expensive here that me and my friends usually just buy from Amazon.. even with the exchange rates and postage, it works out soo much cheaper!!

Alicia	Kennedy
Jill	Thomas

I make most of my book purchases overseas because books are so exorbitantly priced in Australia. I even buy books PUBLISHED IN AUSTRALIA overseas! I'd love to be able to buy more books in Australia at cheaper prices and support the Australian publishing industries and local bookstores!

Kathleen	McLeod
Catherine	Lam
Fran	Grimwood
Megan	Claverdon-jones
David	Faulds
John	Clatworthy

We should have cheaper books.

Jackson	Perkins
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While I like to buy books locally, some are so much cheaper at Amazon, etc that I do often order there. While not your main concern for Dymocks, the same is true for most overseas magazines. It is often cheaper to subscribe to a US magazine for a year then buy two single coplies locally. Iam told that this is due to the excessive margins charged bo a local wholesaler.

Marc	Nash
Terry	Lampard
Govender	Gonaseelan
Pamela	Bennetts
Russell	Charles
Evelyn	Tran
Peter	Dempster
Jean	Forrest
Peter	Watson
Rohan	Hawthorne
Amy	Hughes
Patricia	Andersen
Jennifer	Thornton
Michelle	Caldwell - Shaw
Michelle	Glenn
Debi	Smith
Deane	Rohrlach

The authors will still get their dues so allow parrellel imports to ensure more people can afford the books!

John	Mcintosh
Leesa	Bevan

Access to books is a critical part of a civilised society. Anything that makes books more accessible must be pursued with vigour.

Gail Debow
Caterina Oblepias
Jennifer Repper
Marella Gouvernet

I find that Australian books are really expensive compared to other countries if this happens I will be able to afford better books and range. I am at the moment unable to buy most of the books I would like to read or own a copy of because it is out of my budget.

Grace Tan
Gillian Hewitt
Bridget Landis
May Ip
Nicola Mcdougall
Yvonne Moloney

Ash Montgomery
Kerry Wilson
Janice Jones

I'm only for cheaper books if we, the customers will see the savings. It would suck for Dymocks to be able to buy them cheaper and still gouge the customer!!!!

Ann Campbell
Justine Foster
Judith Woodland

Cheaper books will encourage more purchases of books, increasing the love of reading.

Sharon Kornijczuk
Leanne Masters

Having cheaper books available would be a boost for retailers (particularly given the current financial climate) as that would encourage more people to buy. Any help the government can give to our beleaguered retail market should be explored and it would be remiss of them to not to take this on board.

Mark Lindfield
David Swift
Jody Schulz
Amel Ouamara
Graham Bartel
Jacqueline Dean
Cara Devaney
James South
Rebecca Foulkes-Taylor

Support education and literacy!

Restrictions on parallel importation are no different than region coding on DVDs. They exist only to perpetuate the marketing strategies of international corporations and provide no benefit to consumers. In a world of increasingly global commerce and new free trade agreements, parallel importation restrictions serve only to protract inefficiencies in economic markets.

Will Duckworth
Margaret Leask
Monica Soncin
Selina Mason
Jennifer Aldous
Sean Kane
Elizabeth Blaxell
Rivaaj Jumna
Lynda Coxon
Susan Ward
David venner
Lazarus Leonhard
Alison Fitch
Ann Waddington

This current practise is clearly a restraint of trade and a restraint of free markets. There can be no good reason for this - it certainly is not protecting Australian jobs as it is undoubtedly harming the Aussie book retailers and consumers. A raw deal for all Australians.

every body else are getting a lift up what about book readers

Nick Franey
Tesreena Kaur
Sara Baynes
Lee-Anne Beurich
Phil Kan

Cheaper books will encourage more people to read. I do expect the price reduction in the cost of the books to be passed on, at least in part, to consumers. Our alternative, and I know many who are doing this, is to purchase the books online from overseas at a cheaper cost, to the detriment of Australian business. If we want to maintain a book selling profile in this country, the stores need to be competitive.

Margaret Bollingmoore
Drew Puddy
Val Todoroski
Jessica Calleja

In these harder economic times, it's difficult for people who enjoy a good read to actually enjoy a good read. Cheaper books will not only allow readers to continue reading, but it will add to the economy via stimulating sales to Australian booksellers. This is a good thing for small business and our economy.

Angela Hutchison
Brian Harvey
Lyn Cowle
David Graham
Judith Johnston

Reading is an essential life skill. If people can't afford books, then how will their children learn to read????? Books are not an item for the rich privileged few they should be accessible to everyone and therefore be affordable.

Kieron Jarvis
Natalia Bondarenko
Rachel Cooke
Emma Bryson
Maryanne Peebles
Dean Bull
Pru Granholm
Bruce Enright
Beverley Fong

Books are a vital way of passing on not only the information they contain, but also the finer points of language and communication, which cannot be found in any of the other sources of information available to us. For many families struggling in these economic times, books are easy to relegate to the optional list when the budget is tight, thus removing an important source of development.

Sandra Burbidge
Mark Killey

It's ridiculous that you can buy brand new books from overseas retailers, and have them shipped to Australia for a significant amount less than what the book costs in Australian stores.

Bilal Farooqi

While I support protecting Australian industry, this is trumped by my belief in the critical need for extensive reading, which supports higher learning and conceptual development and in the end is a better support for Australian industry.

Elwin Cross
Susan Bunnell
Sarah Jarrett
Domenic Romeo
Di Van Der Zypp
Margaret Cummins
Richard Hodson
Angela Breeding
Carly Anne Hall
Stephen Ho

More books to read!

Jenny Thomson
Kate Baumann
Jenny Michelmore
Bronwyn D'Silva
Bojana Sakic
Robin Nelson
Paul Richards

It seems that the Australian public is always slugged unfairly when it comes to imported goods. Electronic Equipment, Software, Music, White Goods can always be purchased cheaper in the US and Europe. I understand that the "Economies of Scale" are at work here but some of the price differentials are "price gouging" pure and simple

Paul Caveney
Michael Pietsch
Melissa Stephens
Veronica Andrew
Simon Richter
Janelle MacDonald
Mystery Bernal-Deller
Mandy Rogers
Tricia Ng
Pam Steer
Bernice O'Brien
Adrian Quick
Kaylene Nilsen
Ramona Sen Gupta
Deepa N Bhaktavalsalan
Susanne Henry
Kate Rooney
Alinka Krol
Derek Hall
Giselle Lewis

June-anne Campbell
Leanne Jose
Ralph La Tella

I think it's appalling that books are so expensive in W.A. I was stunned when I first moved over here at the prices charged, hopefully this movement will be passed.

cheaper books - better education! there are two whole generations out there who have been brought up reliant on computers and they are nearly all verging on illiterate so what does that ell you?! I know - I used to be married to one and if it was not in computer-speak he had no idea what it meant... how damaging is that to real life??????

Josie Mcpaul
Genevieve Willis
Joanne Horton

Michelle Lafferty
Michael Quinn
Wendy Kleeman

I lived in New York and bought books all the time. I rarely buy books in Australia as they are just too expensive.

Diane Hanel
Julie Carstairs
Wesley Hartley
Peter Mountford
Susan Lawson
Deb Amos
Elizabeth Taylor
Kellie Cue
Margaret Collins

I wholeheartedly agree that cheaper books should be available to every Australian.

Indeed, all book shops should in this global economy have the restrictions of parallel importation of books relaxed.

Sam Nicolitsi
Andrew Fish
Andrew Fitzgerald
Richard Jam Penny
Sharon Stokes
Mariyana Jozic
Don Waller
Kathy Pandur
Richard Burke

A further example of the price difference is that I attended college in NYC for some 4 years and my text books - compared with what I pay annually for my son's school text books here - was on average 70% less pa than the Australian cost of similar text books.

Michelle Dawson

This was supposed to have been all tidied up over ten years ago. There is just no excuse for allowing these crooks to keep ripping off the public.

Adrian Barnett
Victoria Sangster
Jessica Ison
Barbara Reeve
Asha Narayan
Dee Cooper
Thanakrit Sovanapreecha
Stephen Joh Machin
Lauren Dorling
Wayne Psaila
Helen Lalas
Roopkiran Sangha
Kenneth Hayward
Daravy Lim
Matt Sizer
Duane Shore
Maryana Dolevski
Kerrie Evans
Megan Reushle
Meynardo Talisayon
Ema Hoffmann
Graham Huckauff
Janelle Walsh

I STRONGLY support this campaign

I read alot of Debbie Macomber books, she is an American author. Most of the time I can only buy her books from another bookshop and pay a hefty price for them. After they are released in the USA, I have to wait months before they are here, if they ever turn up. I would love to see cheaper books here and more freedom for books to be sold here. I am an avid reader. Thanks :)

Tracey Locke
Geoff Smith
Shannon Leslie
Kate Gillson
Julie Nicoll

Book prices in Australia are too high and any taxes or import taxes should be removed. Knowledge should not be taxed.

John Cochrane
Sue Buckley
Ivan Stroud
Jamele Papagiannopoulos
Sesilia Siau
John Graham
Kylie Jones
Gianina Olaru
Nelun Fahey

Patrick Tam
Kimberley Mollison
Karen McConchie
Ondine Caon

I currently buy all my books from overseas because they are cheaper (even with freight added) than they are to buy in Australia

Carmel Cathie
paul henry
Michiko Treacher
Jennifer Wu
Susan Pyke
Lynette Hee
Jill Murray
Kayt Whitfield
Joyce Mcmanus
Henry Malecki
Tessa Franceschini
Andrea Schultz
Patricia Skilton
H R McKenzie
Belinda Bird

Great thinking!

Reading serves an important role in society, so the removal of restrictions on parallel importation will make books more accessible to those who were previously denied access to reading resources due to cost.

Max Mcmaster
Louise Roe
Herman Gouw
Michelle Novatin-raciti
Carol Tran
Sue Axten
Kim Barnabas
Robyn Wai
Monika Menzies

There is no greater way to educate and to entertain the public than through the written word.

Stevenson Petito
Troy Balmforth
Gabriel Cheung
Kathy Vigor
Elizabeth Williams
Muriel Mulder
Joanna Taylor
Andriana Tran
Simeon Finch
Jeff Ackland

MY work Colleague has recently moved to Australia from England and said she refuses to purchase books in Australia as the cost is 3 times the price in the UK. Most new releases in the UK are around \$6.00 each.... I would love to see prices similar to that.

Candice Roper
Charlotte Nohra
Scott Spencer
Susan Cowling
Lisa Vance
Craig Dawson
Naomi Tilley

Cheaper books, would allow us to buy more books, reading is good for the brain and the way the current global economy is going and financial crisis this would be a great help to each individual who cant' afford to pay alot for a good book

Sophia Ferguson
Dianne Compen

This is really important for me. I am a prolific reader and am increasingly finding the costs of books prohibitive

Cassandra Law
Sylvie Vuong
Evan Morris
Bauntai Farquharson
Graeme Wallace

i support in every possible way the petition content to be presented on 17th April 2009. as an avid reader, and student still in my 70's, books of all content are a great importance to me, and I am a member of the Friends of the Shraithalbyn Library a group I started some 20 years ago. I also started the uni of the Third age here and it is constantly borrowing books for its reading club, and I for research for the History groups I lead. Most of our members are pensioners, books cost the earth!!!!!!and those for our children and grandchildren also... Bravo Dymocks for your submission on this issue.... Fau Walker

Faye Walker
Peter Taylor
Tiffany So
Rebecca Paior
Sophie Storie
Nicholas Reynolds
Donna Stevens
Angela Ballard
Jodie Andrew Foster
Jahanna Prichard
Paul Schmitt

Books not bucks!!

Thomas Brefo
Cheryl Baume
Claire Dafonseca
Leon Delpech
Cathie Bath
Theresa Boardman
Emanda Percival
Kirsty Robb
Jodie Tomko
Amy Forward

Deregulate the market to bring prices down. The cheaper overseas sources are available on the net any way. Books are cheaper on Amazon.com

Gaynor Cunningham
Deanna Frar Francis

Have voted in the name of Cunningham previously - you apparently have two memberships for me one in the name of Townsend and one in the name of Cunningham, please amalgamate them together, Many thanks
I strongly support the Coalition for CHEAPER Books!
Books are our most important import - more secure than any electronic versions - and they should be as cheap as possible so that everyone can access them to help understand the present and influence the future.

Marie Kay
Tracey Howard
Simon Taylo Ibrahim

I'm loyal to Dymocks 'til the end!
Why can I buy books from Amazon cheaper than I can buy them from Dymocks?
Doesn't make sense.

Barbara Levick
Daniel Pilsneniks
Anthony Fagerlund
Dolores Calle

Books are our most important import - more secure than any electronic versions - and they should be as cheap as possible so that everyone can access them to help understand the present and influence the future.

Marie Kay
Carmen Smith

Louise Halliwell
Claire Kenderdine

Reduce the price of books = increase readership of books by all Australians. How can that be a bad thing?

Ian Peters
Helen Daly
Ros Jaffe
Peta Bailey
Catherine Latham
Rachel Carter

I think it is an absolut disgrace that you could even think about doing this. If this continues, I will be buying my books from eBay when someone else has finished with them and will never buy a book in store again.

Melinda Connor
Amelia Hickman
Stephanie Andrews
Alison Slodki
Chelsey Schroeter
Linda Tran
Ken Friedman
Natalie Cadiz
David Carter
Alexandra Apse
Gail Vann
Lee Battye

leave our books as they are and let the top booksellers sell them

Please reduce the price of books in Australia to make them more affordable for booklovers like myself.

Kelly Goodman
Peter Simpson
Natalie Mauger
Tim Devine
Tian Cai
Paul Korona
Susan Osland

Patricia Crowe
Patricia Dixon
Michelle Cuff
Mary Shaw
Monique Dever
Rachelle Bills
Narelle Fasulo
Gary Ashton
Alexis Rollins
David Kilsby

I often buy books from the USA at sometime less than 2/3rds of the price in australia

books are education, don't dumb australia down any more than it is already.

I was not aware of the restrictions, and I think it's appalling. There is competition everywhere, from food to cd's, why not books. There restrictions on parallel importation definitely need to be removed.

Jenyne Benington
Luke Beard
Katherine Claxton
Sue walker
Louise Darcy Evans
David Apse
Susan Karam
Cathy Vieraitis
Lim Say Beng

The pleasure of reading and owning a book should made accessible to all

Patricia Dickens
Susanne Thompson
Jeanette Graham
Michelle Wirthensohn
Sandra Mitchell

I strongly support this Campaign! The should never be any restrictions on import of books. Books encourage people of all ages to read and thereby improve their faculties, education, etc. Signed Patricia Dickens

Nicci Grant
Gregory Free
Deborah Mead
James Tran
Debbie Marszal
Suzanne Steinbruckner
Lorinda Earle
John Duong
Catherine Telfer
Stephen Koerber
Susan Turner
Rachael Varady
Karen Giang
Tammy Kasemsri
Bronwyn Williams
John Cadden
Gay Cunningham
Cynthia Witney

Because of the relatively high cost of books in Australia, my husband and I mostly buy our books from overseas through agents such as Amazon. We would both much rather buy locally, and would do so if the prices were more competitive. I strongly support the cheaper books campaign. Cheaper books would benefit both intellectual development and Australian businesses.

Elizabeth Tasker
Leticia Fowler
Margaret Stow
Derek Choi
Angelo Apollos

Please do not disadvantage Australians who need literature for their writing and intellectual pursuits.

Fiona Stuart
Brooke Farrugia
Bec Gordon
Barbara Poetzi
Alexander Bruce
Valerie Donovan
Valerie Russell
Katrina Hughes
Rhiannon Ryan
Rachel Whitford
Kate Haskey
Conrad Davies
Judith Wilson
Xuan Nguyen
Amanda Kelsall
Nikki Sinclair
Nicole Frost
Danielle Howison
Deborah Vivian
Diana Bonato

Make books cheaper.

Ellen Miley
Claire McCormack
Rebecca Sommer
Anuradha Suraparaju
Colleen Southall
Joanne Allison
Amanda Parker
Linda Lyon

books are ridiculously priced in this country. anything to lower the cost will increase the number of people reading which can only benefit australia

Priscilla Leung
Alyssa Zhang
Bosco Lam
Mirjana Panich
Donna Penny
Ian McGowen
Sue Opie
Amy Blom
Nina Mas
Irene Batini
Loren Hargrave

cheaper books=more books

Lets make books more readily available at competitive prices!

Reading is one of life's supreme pleasures.

Any move to increase access to books across the population should be encouraged and supported as it goes directly to the literacy, education and upskilling of the Australian people. This can only have an economic benefit for the country as a whole.

Sue Benefield
Kimberley Steel
Gail McKee
Jemima Savage
Amy Montgomery
Kirsten Morrison
Beate Gorman

Parents of children may be encouraged to buy their children books if they are cheaper! Books are better than television and pc games!

Fiona Harris
Kathryn Sheppard
Geoffrey Waugh
Susan Mills
Kathleen Wilkinson
Sophie Ross
Sally Tomlinson
Jamie Sciban
Hae - Jung Kim

How can you allow this impost on education?

Michael Andrews
David Harden
Deborah Foreman
Alison Marszalek
John Ganner
Ahmed Ibrahim
Suzanne Hammam
Kellie Sheedy
Alex Mcdougall
Gary Tredrea
Cindy Wills
Kerrie Phelps
Yvonne Butwell
Elizabeth Zenner
margot brinkworth
Barbara Nelke
Robert Pearson
Lorraine Kirk
Vicky Pearson
Jane Hermann
Beverley Bell
Tameka Nube
Paul Mangopoulos
Debra Pope
Wendy Thomson
Lauren Dennert

Refusing to allow cheaper books is ignorant!

Lynda Nguyen
Lisa Foskett
Jennifer Peters
William Blake
Caitlin Harvey
Louise Turner
Marilyn Orr
Darryl Ellis
Gina Zikos
Verna Hayes
Mary Milton
Jane Finlay
Paul Mendham
Michael Scott
Michelle Maher
Christine Ward
Liz Sledge
Nicole Carter
Vanessa Coffey
Natalie Summerlin
Elizabeth Barton
Michael Drury
Carrie Shewchuk

Go cheaper books!!

remove the restrictions, I love reading and I love owning my own books!

Cheaper books for a brighter future for Australia. Please. Paul

sarah mccabe
Jacqui Martin
Stewart Horne
Kim Ricci
Tim Branagan
Dene Macleod
Karen Tat
Greg Keene
Ally Huang
Melanie Martin
Mira Loncar
Kendra Capuana

we need insentive for people to buy in these current times, high prices is not one.

Keith Oliver

Leane Manning
Georgette Hamill
Crystal Miller
Claire Brown
Jane Stephens
Scott Woodside
Anne-Marie Byrne
Rubens Peculis
Mi Lee
Shellie May
Sally Ross
Jeanette Wallis
Julia Attard

These restrictions don't benefit anyone in the long run, and are a real limitation not just on price but on availability.
Cheaper books, means the literacy rate will improve. We will be able to afford to buy more books to keep at home.

Tim Ormsby
Bethany Samuel
Craig Bowers
Alinda Antippa

In Australia books are way too expensive. \$30 for a small soft-cover non-fiction book is ridiculous. Please remove these importation restrictions.

Bev Young
Mira Radovanovich
Janet Boeck
Simon Astley
Alex Sykes
Babrbara Mcauley
Kerry White
Aoife Tansey

It is unrealistic to expect Australian readers to keep paying through the nose for books which are much cheaper in countries like the USA and the UK. Any quick visit to Amazon or other internet book distributors will show the disadvantage that our Australian book sellers face,

Roger Coles
Michele Wales
Jessica Collison
Helen Porter
Simon Lease
Jonathan Slater
Anne Noordzy
Pauline Coburn
Bronwyn Simmons
Allen Douangchak
Cedar Moon Nicol
Jason Chow
Carolyn Mach
Kristy Mcpaul
David Westlake
Dolores Hombsch
Heather Gyton
Alanna Prosser
Rohan Mcalpine
Lauren Dmytrenko
Lesley Hay
Donna Bakovski
Phillipa Rader
Josephine Guerrero
Jordana Edwards
Kim Lightfoot
Ariana Alvarenga
Brendan Tate
Samantha White
Tracey Campbell
Cathy Hutton
Janine O'Toole
Jane Scott
Claudia De Souza
Tracy Whaite
Mark Freeth
Fiona Williams
Alexander Horan
Laurence Mandie

I want cheaper books!

Riana Scott
Kate Hamilton
Jennifer Barritt
Toni-anne Clayton
Susan Delaine

This decision also threatens Australian culture. We do not want to see our books "Americanised" in their language, spelling or vast passages rewritten for the overseas audience. Keep Australian books AUSTRALIAN!!

Melanie Symes
Susan Vocea
Ann Rice
Melissa Fleming
Martin Calderwood
Peter Albion
Jane Burren
Louise Campagnolo
Jasmine Douglas

Reform is long overdue, there should be removal of restriction on parallel importation.

Tony Beard
Samantha Richardson
Kim Delamont

As an avid reader and supporter of hard eading material (ie books) i support the application and submission by Dymocks for a relaxation of the 12 month period and the access to cheaper books for the Ausralian public; this submission does not take away from the Australian Industry, but may enhance it, by making the industry produce cheaper books if people publish in Australia.

James Cremin
Pamela Singleton
Alice HO
Diane Findlay
Nicola Probert
Zersha Saeeda

As an avid reader it is important to make books available to customers at the cheapest price possible lest we end up with a business model that does nothing to discourage copyright infringement. The repercussions of not acting are a) Customers purchasing direct from OS - I've purchased books from Amazon due to price or b) Illegal digital distribution. If Australian readers have a choice I know they'd want a beautiful hard cover sitting on their bookshelves, with the wonderful smell of fresh print and not some badly scanned copy that is barely legible. But there are limits to the Australian readers ability to keep up with the current book prices. In short \$45 for a new release is just too much to ask.

Paul Schrader
Alex Koodrin
Jessica Sargood
Christina Paradissis

This is important for the literacy of Australian children

Christine Jones
Geoff McKean
Kimberly Bakens
Matthew King
Anita Galluccio
anne craigie
Marg Jones
Karsten Hansen
Rhonda Davey
Susan Scates
John Hoggart
Ann Crewe
Elaine Burgess
Talweez Senghera
Jennifer Price
Edwina Shooter
Jo-anne Davies
John Carroll
Rebecca Jeffries
Sylvia Speranza

As I like to own books, I believe the removal of restrictions will enable me to purchase rather than borrow.

WE NEED THIS TO HAPPEN

Yvonne Grisaffe
Jane Bleby
Melanie L. Smith
Linda Wong
Jennifer Lane
Rose Preston
Melanie Murray
Lisa Burton
Camilla Barlow
Isha Byrnes
Lyn Smyth
Gayle Napier
Martine Pekarsky
Simon Malessa
Christopher Groves
Chris Howe
Cindy Ting
Yunsi Feng
Samantha Peet

I am a librarian and believe that information should be made as accessible as possible. reducing the price will enable this to happen.

Janet Surma
Melinda O'Brien
Helen Robertson
Kellie-jane Pritchard
Iman Couttas
Monique Shears
Tania King
John Low-shang
Lesley Jones
Zelina Thomson
Robin Way
christine king
Alesandra Chenier
Don Byron

It is important that books are kept affordable for everyone

Justin Gum
Sarah Niblock
John Boundy
Tim Yarham
Adele Wiggins
Amanda Wadge
Tina Cavicchiolo
Geoffrey Squire
Tania Weiser

The sooner we have cheaper books the better. The only people who benefit from higher prices are the secondhand book sellers.

Christen Bell
Roy Varley

I have found in recent years the cost of new books to be prohibitive in encouraging me to purchase them when compared to other entertainment options such as DVDs or CDs

Kylie Wingrave
Cathy Kim
Chrissy Madigan
Cecile Menard
Brett Gabel
Terry Sinton

To be a 'smart country' we must have easy and cheap access to resources of all types and especially books. How can we learn without them.
Other countries do it, why not us?

Books and printed information are still an essential and integral part of the development and transmission of Western Culture and their use should be supported by a Government not wanting Australia to fall further behind in the education, Cooper-Shawcross knowledge and future potential of its citizens.

Carol
Robyn
Kathryn
Paul
Donald
Andrew
Elizabeth
Barbara
Cloudia
George
Katherine
Russell
Lawrence
Jocelyn
Pamela
Rosemary

Clasohm
James
Blainey
Hatcher
Mcquillan
Cuccurullo
Jarvie
Newland
Birdsall
Hagan
Pearse
Chan
Chay
Trotter
Abbott

In an age of globalised markets and ever-growing importance of information, this kind of restriction is anachronistic and foolish - particularly as it involves the dissemination of knowledge. If this sort of restriction could be lifted a decade ago for CDs, then why not now on books?

Michael
Tracey
Rachael
Peter
James
Lynette
Shannyn
Queenie
Wendi
Taryn
David
Kenneth
Nathan
Benedict
Kathryn
Frances
Bonnie
Ros
Julie

Taylor
Miller
Warner
Candotti
Travis
Moss
Siemens
Chan
Mcpoyle
Fryer
van Keimpema
Covington
Wong
Noel
Pennington
Brown
Lear
Hanlon
De Jong

As an avid reader I am finding it harder and harder to purchase good quality books as the prices are getting beyond what I am able to afford. If you want people to buy local in these web enabled times the prices have to be comparable. Book prices in Australia are certainly not.

Audrey
Cain
Ruth
Claire
Madeline
Richard
Amelita
Simone
Annabelle
Lynn

Uren
Maddern
Owen
Zylstra
Ashdown
Birac
Menceslao
Cotton
Large
Webber

In comparison with other countries such as the UK and US book costs in Australia are outrageous.

Mary
Amanda
Elisa

Batty
Hinton
Butcher

If we want to encourage our kids to read & buy books instead of junk food - making books cheaper is a good way to start - particularly with regards to recent release ones that have been in the media. I'm sure the booksellers will make a tidy profit too even though the books are cheaper, as they will sell so many more & will probably have a wider range of books for sale & may even capture a new market.

Donna	Falzon
Theodora	Gerakiteys
Kirsty	Smith
Sue	Tucker
Leslie	Parkinson
Noel	Harvey

I CERTAINLY THINK THIS VITALLY IMPORTANT. I IT VERY HARD FOR RESELLERS LIKE DYMOCKS TO SUPPLY BOOKS INEXPENSIVELY WHEN COMPETING WITH THE LIKES OF AMAZON AND BORDERS.

Joanna	Pond
Marisa	Martin
Jeff	Phillips
Judith	Clark
Mark	Oliver
Inez	George
Nicola	Hilyard
Marlene	Gunn
Rebecca	Beames
Renee	Power
Jessica Kath	Vogler
Kelly-marie	Benham
Kerry	Parkin
Parisa	Vidafar
Kylie	Mchugh
Teresa	Cinanni
Kathryn	Mackenzie
Ilse	Dittes
Sonia	Spiropoulos
Mark	Humphery
Liz	Reed
Joseph	Narai
Jan	Rice
Kerryn	Pratchett
Simone	Smith
Sharon	Tan
Ko Kang	Wang
Rosie	Briscoe
Yvonne	Greig
Sandra	Robinson
Elizabeth	Clynk
Lauren	Gully
Lauren	Gully
Lauren	Gully
Tess	Butler
Steven	Bleistein
LYDIA	PALMER
Michelle	Ha
Garry	O'Brien

You guys are great.. Keep on doing the good work you do.

Miranda	Kapetanios
Diane	Moloney
Sharon	Gardner
David	Teh

Anything that can be done to reduce the price of books is definitely a good thing!!!

Shimaila Anz Qureshi
Georgianna Van Nguyen

How is society meant to further their education when the supposed public and easy access to books is to become financially out of reach?

Joseph Nohra
Sue Heaysman
Heidi Dundas
Wendy Mottram
Shashanna Kocinski
Peter Brown
Kristie Jones
Pete Turner
Sue Smith
Vanessa Britten
Diana Weekes

Enough is enough I understand Australia has only 22M people but highway robbery is not the answer!!!

Cheaper books spread the word!

Robyn Joseph
Diane Billings
Paula Gervasi

It is cheaper to buy titles over the internet from the US than in an Australian bookshop, which is ridiculous.

Michael Korsch
Helen Rivers
Nicky Mckibbin
Kathryn Sparrow
Teresa Cinanni
Jacinta Scanlon
Annabel Pitt

At the moment the local sellers are at a disadvantage because it is far cheaper to buy books direct from the US. At least keep some of the money in Australia!

Penelope Heath
Heike Bradford

Everything is needed to ensure a love of books is maintained and if books become excessively expensive we will lose future generations of readers and book lovers.

Jill Underdown
Glen Muras
Amanda Beet
Larisa Vanstien
Barney Beale
Trudi Mcdonnell
Cindy Chick
Rohan Newton
Angela Fleischeuer
Nicole Irwin
Claudia Toro
Sam Lee

Being from the UK, I find books a crazy price in Australia.. a paperback should not be not be more than an hourly wage for anyone.

Michelle Taylor
Rachel Maclaren
Conor Mines
Sam Lee
Leanne Macrae
Joanna Howe
Katherine Leahy
Faye Owers
Kathy Jackson
Caroline Cassidy
Faye Strugnell
Aimee Bound

We should be encouraging people to read and by having overly expensive books it will do everything but encourage this.

Roy Stather
Jo Mcdougall
Kaylene Hanlon
Amanda Davis
Diana Cowling
Emily Leng
Luke Webber
Renee Sugars
Vicki Bourke
Therese Demarco
Debbie Norton
David Wells
Mark Fletcher

Nancy Manolis
Dee Hartung
Lynette Anderson
Ivana Nikic
Holly Black
Wei Zhao
Duncan Bolt
Cathryn Tang
Heather Williams
Brett Moorgas
Wendy Moyle
Ernest McLeod
Lyn Olarenschaw
Fiona Morgan
Grant Adams
Julie Dickson
Dena Boorman
Andrea Stauber
Natalie Peta Roberts
Valerie Poll
Miriam Schott
Beverly Young
Jenny Little
Claire Page
Mark Gallen
Carolyn Upston
Danielle Thompson
Natalie El'Atrache
Ivana Lombardi
Melanie Wells
Kellie Caimanos
Sarah Pappriill
Kimberley Baran
Mark Kyte
Samantha Apps
Susan James

It's about time that book prices come down, what a wonderful relief this would be!

cheaper books ftw!

I didnt' get the first email about this?

I support this 100%.

I am a lifelong reader and find that I have to budget to purchase the books I want to read because of the excessive cost.

Barbara Colliver
Claire Drummond
Tamara Robins
Claire Langdon
Bill Darby
Frank Coops

Sharon	Jermyn
Liam	Rossi
Simone	Wheeler
Simon	Condon
Cheryl	Maughan
Krys	Pogoda
Louise	Higgins
Julie	Watson
Wendy	Whelan
Roslyn	Chinnery
Susan	Elliott
Dylan	Rossi
Lynn	Adams
Judith	Hefferan
Eva	Blahovec
Sharon	Tibbs
Michelle-Lee	Borlase
Jennifer	Beard
Imogen	Mikmikidis
Bridget Helei	Burger
Milou	de Castellane
Kerri	Dalla
Bruce	Yuan
Mabel	Carlisle
Peta	Rogers
Annette	Rinaldi
Trevor	Rossi
Jillian	Vasey
Jill	Wootton
Susan	King
Alfred	Esteban
Claire	Milson
Adrian	Carbone
Kirsty	Jenkins

Books in WA are so expensive compared to the rest of the world. Bring them down please. No need to charge a fortune, more people will read new books then.

Gillian	Tompkins
Nicola	Arciuli
Josephine	Furlong
Catherine	Girardi
Charlene	Sisson
Diane	Hanlon
Mary	Kotsiou
Nikola	Vanstan
Krishna	Dawson
Jennifer	Parker
Corinne	Burnard
Cathryn	James
Fiona	Joynes
Bill	Stirling
Andrea	Manson
Daniela	Nastasie
Janice	Hibberd
Cheryl	Mathewsell
Arlene	Croucher
Audrey	Pang
Deb	Howarth

i'm using the library more and more rather than buying books

Jennifer Cane
Brian Rose
Angela Riganti
Caryn M Bovell
Andrew Robins
Amanda Graham
Bronwen Stinson
Anne Joy
Jane Cullum
Janet Chung

Dale Kenny
Bianca Montesano

Cheap books makes more goodness at literacy and stuff. Make cheapness happen!
:D

Outcome of cheaper books will be an increasing and expanding readership. More units are sold when each unit is at a very competitive price = greater quantity sold and moved, minus the obstacles and unwanted barriers. Does the Federal Government's National Competition Policy review apply to the restrictions? What is the better scenario for Australia - raise the bar for knowledge gained through self-development readership and resultant exponential growth of consumption in reading, or the throttled pace of sales to lesser number of consumers who can afford the higher prices?

Mee Lan Ng
Sally Johnson
Kelvin Tan
Helyn Ovens
Laura Hamilton
Keith Houghton

As I'm not in a financial position to attend tertiary institutions, to further educate myself ... I self educate ... borrowing books from the library, that are often out-dated. Thus, I do purchase a great deal of my own and it's not an economically efficient exercise. Education improves the collective state of the community on so many levels and we all arrive at it in different ways. Please consider the benefit to the greater, progressive, evolutionary good.

Inga Routledge
Andrea Burton
Megan Hanley

I agree totally with cheaper books. If you want to promote literacy then reading books to children and getting them to read to you is vital. A love of books is to be treasured and nurtured.

Maria Berridge
Miriam Connor
Robyn Shaw
Susie Kennett
Emmerentia Dykstra
Elizabeth Glazebrook
David Glazebrook
David Jones
Judy Power
Julie Badock
Ellie Foley
Katie Lenane

As an avid reader and a pensioner, I do find it hard to afford the books I would like, so anything that can be done to improve this situation would be greatly appreciated.

Deanna Mari Burge
Deanna Mari Burge

As an avid reader and a pensioner, I do find it hard to afford the books I am an avid reader and love having books around me. I consider them essential items! However, because they are quite expensive, I do not buy as many as I would like. I currently have a long and ever-increasing list of books to buy - when the prices drop! If Dymocks and co are successful, it will be a great day for Australian book lovers. Good luck!

Brigid Gregg

Sophia Le
Susan Wood
Ian Paterson
Nikita Wyllie
Susan Martin
Claire Molloy
Jeremy Spink
Deborah Wiseman
Stephen Graham
H. Malseed
Virginia Gange
Kylie Planner
Ruth Hammond
Linda Anne Dang
Alistair Langsford

Go for it! I wish you luck and hope you succeed—for all of us.

Janna Enger
mary Symes
Denise Keggs
Jack Luxford
Terry Gardiner
Anna Ferguson
Kevin Cosheril
Joanna Le
Lynette Peterson
Austria Wilson
L Truong
Bianca Wirth
Alan Tam
Koko Farbeh

Books are an integral part of our education, along with their enjoyment value. I wholeheartedly support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation, so that books can become more available to all Australian people.

Paul Janes
A Berry
Katharine Read
Audrey Lim
Graham Bell

I fully support this initiative to remove restrictions on parallel importation and allow everyone to purchase books at cheaper prices.

Jan Greensmith
Jane Lockyer
Margaret Elsum
Carol Sardana
Vanessa Eyles
Nathan Ramm
William Peoples
Kristy Novak
Stanley Bern Roberts
Linda Matthews
John Eriksson
Jennifer Do

A fair price would be nice.

I have read the submission being made by the Coalition for Cheaper Books to the Productivity Commission. As a consumer I concur that my online purchase of books is dictated by availability and price - both these considerations mean I usually purchase online from overseas booksellers such as Amazon.

I am a frequent book buyer. I have two daughters, that like myself, love to read. We have just returned from two weeks holidays and during that time I purchased ten books for them to read. I would never deny them a book but do feel that they are getting more and more expensive. My husband has also recently decided to join us all reading and he also brought himself a book over the holiday.

Lisa Lenehan
Leanne Brouwers
Rosanna Camilleri

Books are written for everyone to enjoy but making the pricers higher isn't helping anyone really.

Jess Shepherd
Dorothy Piper
Rachel Barter
Benazir Anwar
Joseph Foong
Susan Hunt
Annette Fullarton
Elise Millington
Therese Gibson
Shane Bergl
Valerie Granat
Anita McCracken
Krystal Manson
Michael Horman
Gary Celebioglu
Connie Salsone

This is a very important move. The ability to buy books should not be prohibitive financially.

John Turnbull
Deborah Ferraro
Bob Jones

I have travelled quite a lot and it now astounds me how much dearer it is to buy a book in Australia, I currently wait until they are in secondhand bookshops.

Renae Lappin
Mieke Boers
Kristie Prideaux
Joanne Stinson
Elaine Wallace
Chris Openshaw
Caroline Yun
David Annesley
Julie Macmath
Erica Browne
Cristina Cirauda
Tim Costello

I sometimes buy books on amazon.com for half the price (even including postage) than what it costs for the same book here in a bookstore. Seems pretty ridiculous to me.

Allison Hendricks
Rosemary Robinson
Jennifer Burger
Tammie Howarth

Australian Book retailers should be able to source books at the same cost as Internet Booksellers such as Amazon.

Stephen Cahill
Cheryl Olley
Alexandra Pinkham
John Forsyth
Ann Verschuer
Roslyn Prior
Fiona Lim
Lemin Hua

Hellen Crane
Jessica Seppings
Sara Ayoub
Aileen Procter
Jaya Rattan
Indran Wijesekera
Penelope Mckay

Books are already enough expensive.

Helen Mower
Suzie Buchanan
Rebecca Nguyen
J Ng
Caroline Sheppard
Caroline Sheppard
Pamela Julia Wheeler
Barbara Wheatley

Despite access to the internet, students still need to acquire texts and this is one of the most expensive factors of education, especially for tertiary students.

Donald Doherty
Rebecca Fitzgerald
Susan Greenwood
Glenn Eaton

I am supporting this petition not just because I've been asked to, but because I have believed for years that restrictions on parallel importation ought to be removed.

BENNO MOTHA
Margot Colquitt
Stanley Bao
Gordon Davi Hall
Alex Horder
Vivien Poon
Alison Walker

As a big believer in making Australia a knowledge nation and the skills intellect of our children, we should have easy cost effective access to books in the US & Europe.

Luisa Pradell

Yes, I'm agree that books should be cheaper and the restriction should be removed.
Sincerely Luisa

Wendy Fishley

As an avid reader I think this petition is a great idea. I am happy to add my name to the list of petitioners.

Mario Moscariello
Cindy Xiong
Tracey Ilich

It can release a whole generation to books all types. Rather than goig 4 te remote 1s all the time

Lesley Boldt
Christopher Moses
Kylie Gallagher
Rajneil Gounder
Alison Christie

Let's make a move to make owning a book an opportunity for all at an affordable price!!

Evangelina Sakugawa
Caroline Jacobi

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Sergio Sakugawa
Christine Crust
Denise Way
Danielle Taylor
Deanne Welch

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Sophia Khan

I'm from the uk and it's cheaper for me to order books via Amazon and have them shipped over to Australia than to buy them here. Book prices here are OUTRAGEOUS!!!

Maria	Orr
Cherrie	Porter
Nicola	Dempsey
Chris	Avery
Elizabeth	Jackett
Timothy	Lilienthal
Ningyu	Wang
Malama	Arapoglou
Dushanka	Wiener
Flavia	Soffici
Alison	Fay
Linda	Sorpreso

My family specially my children read a lot of books and being able to purchase cheaper books will be of great benefit for us, and I am sure also for families who love to read.

Maria	Lontoc
Mark	Fox
Kailey	Goodhind
Elizabeth	Sim
Jaime	Gonzalez
Peter John	Farry
Virginia	Thomson
Jess	Avery
Deborah	Hicks
Trish	Faranda
Makiko	Fukuda
Cheryl	Brazendale
Jacqueline	Ferris
Sue	Rollason

Reasonable price books are very important for book lovers!

be fair theres a recession on we should be able to buy cheaper books

There should be no restrictions on the importation of any reading materials. If we want to stay competitive educationally, academically, internationally and socially we should have no impediments to information.

Lorraine	Hyde
Victor	Roberts
Eileen	Clay
Margaret	Joannou
Alpana	Singh
Karyn	Pitchen
Maureen	Langton
Ross	Fabian
Fiona	Poniris
Leeann	Henao-White
Emily	Simatos
Lauren	Andrew
Mel	Henry
Cecile	Dela Cruz
Nicole	Johnson
Leanne	Craig
Kenneth	Mott
Kavanagh	Emma
Geoff	Metcalf
Lyn	Toole
Peter	Broid
Taylor	Williams
Ricky	Mcknight
Patricia	Harrison
Sophie	Heath

About time, it is too easy to be tempted to buy books online where they are much cheaper! I would rather spend my Aussie dollars in Australia, in Australian bookstores!

Carolyn	Bickley
Jackie	Highland
Lesley	Prentice
Genoefa	Budas
E	Mortet
Tarron	Abrahams
Trina	Ng
Brad	Cox

I believe it is imperative to encourage wherever possible competitive pricing in an open market particularly within literature. In my mind nothing could replace the thrill of the mere smell of a book. I love and collect books even though I rarely have the time to read them..... one day I will languish in book heaven. Keep my dream alive and affordable!

Janette	Hayward
Victoria	Kavanagh
Melissa	Macdonald
alexis	Spencer
Robert	Burrows
Margaret	Caine
Anna	Bourke
Kaja	Holzheimer
Fiona	Stoker
Linda	Capes
Julie	Pinto
Noriko	Cornfroth
Sarah	Papprill
Carolyn	simmons

As a purchaser of many peculiar/particular titles it will be wonderful to purchase at a reasonable price from an Australian seller, as opposed to having to bypass all Australian sellers and purchase from the UK or USoA online. These restrictions neither support Australian business, or Australian jobs.

Mark	Grover
Jane	Holbrook
Alexander	Joannou
Margaret	Dunworth
Sandra	Thaow

The current regulations seem to be an unnecessary restriction on free trade

Sandra	Baker
Glennys	Williams
Deborah	Marriner
Kate	Spencer
Sheridan	Deal
Nicole	Rosenow

Books are important for maintaining and improving Australia's literacy levels but these restrictions result in books becoming more and more out of reach of the average person. I see the removal of these restrictions as very important. Books are very precious and I think more people would read them if they were more affordable, Well done Dymocks

Fiona	Gibbs
Rosalie	Pech Eva
Shona	Bates
Jacqui	Smythe
Lynette	Tunnock
Shane	Bell
Rachel	Klas
Rajashree	Kohli
Gulden	Bickerstaff
Jane	Parkin
Jessica	Le

what better way to support our australian companies than to be able to afford to purchase their products!

Elizabeth	Clynk
Elizabeth	Wszola
Lauren	Mitchell
Jessica	Hudson
Yive	Yang
Emma	Gallager
Danielle	Tiller
Tika	Bachu
Deborah	Mitchell
Cindy	Chiew
Helen	Ross-Soden
Anvie	Kitong
Jane	Malcolm
Justine	Slaven
Atorina	Saliba

Robert	Tennent
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The price we in Australia pay for books is ridiculous. It is ime the government did something about it.

I'm the Author of "Mirror of Life" a book I wrote & had published by Merlin Books in the UK about 20 years ago. I was unable to get my book published here in Australia, so like others here, I sent my Synopsis to the UK and Merlin Books agreed to publish my "Mirror of Life". Brisbane Finneys store wanted to retail my book but was unable to get "Mirror of Life" into Australia due to our Laws. "Mirror of Life" is now out of print, but I still own the Copyright.

Yvonne	Walsh
Adriel	Sudhakar
Zaeda	Bou Merhi
Helen	Hipsley
Leonore	Binns
Graziela	Procopiuk
Laurae	Delane

I moved from the UK 12 months ago with my family on a sponsorship from my husbands company. I have 3 children and we are all prolific readers but have been horrified by the shocking prices of books here. We now get relatives to send them over from the UK. We have been told that english read a lot more than you Auzzies. I would suggest that the reason for this is that the Brits can actually afford to pay for the books. I would welcome a reduction in prices so that we can all start reading when we see a book we are interested in. Kind Regards Gail Esau

Gail	Esau
Tracy	Dickson
Deborah	Lopert
Judith	Saunders
Sarah	Minissale
Helen	Morgan
Joy	Lee
Lisa	Rogers
Sandra	Murray
Bridget	Robson
Christine	Scaddan
Jenny	Hartz
Courtney	Judd
John	van Heerwaarden
Emily	Coates

Arthur	Phillips
Stacy	Kelly
Joanna	Um
Tristan	Love

I fully support Dymocks in this endeavour. More people should be encouraged to read not put off by the current price of imported books. Reading is life and knowledge

Jo Scullin
Marika Verwey
Judy Ffrench
Rob Ffrench
Rosemary Catt
Rosemary Catt

I am a primary school teacher, books are an absolute necessity and it's difficult to keep spending and asking parents to keep spending unnecessarily, include schools and libraries.....

Mishelle Delcaro

I very much so support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign, being a uni student, an avid reader and a musician, a reduction in the cost of books would save me a huge amount of money.. Money I could use to pay off hecs fees for example.

Troy Fil
Karen Jefferies
Karen Brown
Phill Barry
Richard Larkin
Loris Gross
Caitlin Smith
Kirsty Plumridge
Debra Maynard
Caroline Esturas
Kerryn Prosser
Shreya Malik
Carolyn Harris
Marie Keir

Affordable books are essential to any civil society and to an educated public. So many overseas customers comment as to how expensive our books are and refuse to buy them here in Australia even if permanent citizens!

Elizabeth Prendergast
Cynthia Tran
Alan Treadgold
David Cox
Anne Wasson

Books are a very important Educational Tool for Childrens Education ,and should be available to all at a fair price

Heather Hyslop
Angeline Lewis
Batoul Khalife
Tahmara Stott
Tanya Foyle

It's about time! When living in the UK it was relatively less expensive to buy books. Here, you really have to think twice before buying which is a real shame, especially when we're wanting our children to read more & spend less time in front of the tv and computer.

Trudi Hosking
Nola Wallace
Debra Holdsworth
Sherryl Burgess
Margaret Pettit

Carolyn Cook

Having spent time in the UK and America it is very distressing to see how much more we have to pay for books here in Australia. Knowing this it often stops me buying and I order from the library instead!

I would work in a much better place, be a much a better resourced teacher and parent if books were made cheaper! Get rid of these ridiculous laws and let the government send a strong message to the community that books are accessible and important...perhaps teenagers would spend their money on a book as well as a cd!

Annette Hora
Lynette Frazer
greer eve-wlch

Ella	Gilbert	Books are absolutely necessary for a fair and equal society. Rulers and the Church used to keep people under control buy not allowing them to learn to read.
Guy	Liplyn	Right on, it's outrageous that we pay so much more the the British and Americans.
Catherine	Chong	
Rohan	Sadler	
Deanna	Rokich	
Carlos	Remedios	
Catherine	Girardi	
Julie	Florescu	
Deanna	Clark	
Steve	Foy	
Kevin	Chan	
Marco	Pellegatti	
Barry	Pitfield	
Vladimir	Pejovic	Books contain knowledge, knowledge is the path to better education and better living conditions. If more people can afford books, the Australian public will be more educated. Its a win/win scenario.
Timothea	Pratt	
Naomi	Cole	
Anna	Capra	
Anna	Capra	
Pauline	Savage	
Kathryn	Charles-jay	
Peter	Neeson	
Karen	Wasson	
Megan	Denholder	
Marion	Hern	
Sara	Whanslaw	
Dianne	Gosper	
Victoria	Fencker	
Lee	McKay	
Lynn	Walsh	
Martha	Langford	
Jackie	Travia	
Helen Rose	Abood	Books are FAR TOO expensive here in Australia compared to the UK & USA!
Jenny	Causer	In making books more affordable we need to remember the following: The more that you read, the more then you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go. Dr. Seuss If books become cheaper then, as a retiree, I will certainly be able to buy more and keep my brain active. Also, as an ex-teacher I agree that access to books improves literacy.
Alex	Quinn	
Matthew	Wall	
Karen	Muir	
Dave	Demmocks	
John	Passlow	Why do Australians have to be charged SO much more than overseas countries for books? Anything that could reduce this price discrepancy would be greatly appreciated.
Marilyn	Sunderland	
Peter	Mackie	
Tina	Ly	
Maree	Hilton	
Melissa	Tetley	
Julia	Cassar	
Angela	Nelson	

Similar laws on CDs were removed in 1998 lets do the same for books and make the latest published books more affordable so we can buy three books instead of just one.

Hazel Pearce
Andrea Sischy
Pam Rogers
David Kadoche
Paul Kerr
Tamara Smart

Cheaper books would make access to education and intellectual enrichment more equitable, allowing everyone to benefit more fully from the world of literature! Our government has a commitment to education and equity - show it by lowering the cost of books!

Vivienne Harris
Ben Kosmina
Julie Kiernan
Lisa Ford

Books inform, instruct, inspire, drive the imagination, motivate, entertain, encourage and educate. Books bring disparate peoples together and reading enhances understanding despite our differences. Reading skills are only improved with practice, hence schools and governments in this country encourage reading as a major part of educating the public. Education is an integral part of creating the clever country that Bob Hawke so wanted us to become. Mark Twain once said "the man who doesn't read good books has no advantage over the man who can't read them". Every effort should be made to bring affordable books within reach of the public. Expensive books encourage mediocrity, not a clever country. Recently, I spend two years in full time University studies upgrading to a postgradua

Mark Pekkarinen
Mary Stojanoski
Marie Keane
Gallina Kelareva
Tanya Eaton

As an avid reader, cheaper books would mean I wouldn't feel so guilty about buying them and would support the industry more! Bring it on!!!

Lisa Bridgeman
Wendy Bottacin
Aleisha Whitehouse
Simone Tamanaha

I had no idea such restrictions were in place and have always been amazed that books can be so expensive - books should be readily available to all and not a luxury item. I support your petition absolutely!

Heather Baker
Manisha Patel
Rika Teicher
Tarryn Konowalow
Karen Clements

The price of books in Australia is significantly higher than in North America. I hope that the import restrictions are removed NOW!!! Cheaper books will be a major benefit to all Australians.

Dennis Best

This would have multiple benefits for the nation - parents on low incomes would be able to afford more books for their children - schools would be able to purchase more books - and community libraries would also be able to spend more on books. All round, the overall benefits to the nation are quite obvious.

Mara Rogers
Tania Ford
Megani Naidoo
Mario Sorbello
Angela Connelly
Geraldine Mcshane
Adrian Brev
Fred Schouten
Richard Britton

Linda Turner
Rita Barbara
Janice Moore
Kym O'Driscoll
Kerry Benson
John Koukouvas
Fiona Khoo
Robyn Dinte
James Duncan
Liana Westcott
Jimmy Bayssari
Clare Talkington
Louisa Micallef
Jayden Smith
Ann Mills
Kathy Diverall

Computers will never replace books.

make books cheaper

I most strongly support this petition because I regularly buy new books from the U.K. for my collection and find that I can get them at a cheaper price (including air mail costs and packaging) than I can purchase them here. As a collector I also find it difficult to find Hard Back 1st Editions in many instances because only Trade Paperbacks are initially imported which I suspect is driven by what the retail price will be and what the distributors feel the market will be prepared to pay. If these restrictions are removed then Australian Dealers would be able to offer both of the above book types at a competitive price and thereby make books more accessible to the public, especially in these tight financial times. Given their bulk buying power Aus. Dealers would be able to supply the boo

Graham Scott
Garry Everson
Lyndsay Kruse

I fully support the Coalition for Cheper Books' campaign

Prices of books in Australia are already too high - information should not be hampered by excessive prices. Copyright tends to be a millstone - it is legally effective and promotes illegal activities which most people are willing to take regardless of the consequences. Law in Australia although well intentioned basically is ignored by a significant proportion of the population including High Court judges.

Roger Harder
Matty Biliias
Leigh James
Mickie Magan
David Howick
Bukette Akbas
Naomi Bowden
Lynn Tan
Jessica Mcdonough
Tamara De Kauwe
Margaret Theobald
Sheron Wicks
Wendy Hill
Patricia Temme

it is so hard to even find the same books sold in the states and the UK in australia that the fact that the government wants us to pay more for the right that anyone who lives in the states o the UK is just disgusting. the government should be spending our tax dollars making our country a better place to live not making us spend more money on books.

Xia Tiligadis
Charmaine Mcwilliam
Marisa Fontes

I love to read and to be able to buy books at cheaper prices would be absolutely brilliant.

Clare Murray
Trish Horsfall

Lizzie Moyle
Sze Kit Kwok
Ivy Tan

Reading is such an important activity for everyone... imagination, creativity, knowledge and much more is the gift! Don't make it harder for whatever ridiculous reason the government wants to! There can be no reasonable condition that any government would want to change such laws. Didn't Hitler's government decide to destroy books that they thought were unfit for the German people to read... now this might not be exactly the same but it does correlate.

Samantha Banfield
Rachel Jeary
Karen Colwell
Leeanne Toneman
Elia Maria Royle

Cheaper books will enable everyone to experience the joy of reading.

Lisa Marchant
Stephanie Miot
Gillian Smith
Robert Schipp
Rose Hill
Elizabeth Abbott
Lynda Tieu
Gerardo Hernandez

I support any proposal for removal of barriers to trade and free competition.

Dominika Dome
Elizabeth Brooks
Simon O'Connor
Michelle Terpolilli
Denise Mewett
Alison Mackie
Lianne Sheriden
Julia Young
Sam Masters
Sam Masters
Sally Wearne
Kylie Coppinger
Dodds Pringle

We must ensure that people with lower incomes have ready access to books.

Bronwyn Newham
An Truong
Holly Sutton
Jean Shaw
Jocelyn Mathieson
Belinda Palamara
Kim Porter
Asha Stabback
Andrew Callaghan
Joshua Barker

As an avid reader and a person who would love to own more books, I fully support this petition. I do not understand, or accept, that Australian readers have to pay so much more more than those in the USA and Europe!

Aimee Newton - Greene
Sasha Hanton
wally and Fa Philippe
Rachel Carr
Carlie De Graaf
Charmaine M Agius
Belinda Hanley
Robynne Vermaak
Lisa Bradock

I agree that cheaper books will encourage people to read more, and therefore improve literacy

Dean Hosking
Megan McKay
Edward Bell

i would certainly buy more books if the price came down- it's the only thing that holds me back.

Chantelle Burke
Linda Smith
Barbara Grant
Elizabeth Vo

I purchase a lot of books from an online company in UK and they vary from marginally cheaper to quite a lot. I would much prefer to support my local Australian business by being able to purchase them from such stores at a more reasonable price

Tracy Eldridge
van suu nguyen

I fail to see why there is such a lead time to allow the local subsidiaries - mostly faceless organisations of the conglomerates - and their agents take the cream of the sales. We should stick up for the rights of Australians to be able to pay the RIGHT price, without filling the coffers of those overseas.

Eric Balfour
Shirley Macdougall
Christine Sultan

Please dont take away our books, it is such a shame these days as so many australians dont read and when they do, its what they can afford. Making it more costly will no doubt see "book worms" become a dying breed.

Jen Carlin
Jordan Szweg
Suren Samueljan
Suren Samueljan
Georgina Dunlop
Julie Phillips
Liz Wood
Jayne Song
Dinusha Udugahapaththuwa
Ali McIntosh
Keren Witcombe
Christine Avard
Sue Wielgosz
Betty Haworth
Rosa Kim
Gina Brassil
Ronald Norton
Diana Worsley

It is very rare in this modern era, where the internet and tv are the main recreational activities of people, that there remains those who love to read. The government should encourage people to read more books to improve grammar and creativity, preventing people from becoming illiterate. In this economy where there is a financial crisis, it is really difficult for booklovers to purchase something they love to fill in idle time. Therefore, I give my full support for the 'Cheaper Books' Campaign'.

Ivy Lam
Thomas Lord
Richard Taylor

I love my books, don't make them more expensive

Any change which brings about lower prices comparable to the price paid overseas is welcomed. I have always believed Australian prices to be well above those charged in the UK and US and at such a level as to make the purchase of a newbook something that for many is prohibitive. If prices were reduced it would make such more available to a wider proportion of the public and therefore encourage greater literacy.

Andrew Bates
Anna Brabon

It is a shame that in Australia we have to write such petitions in order to pay less for books. The price of books in Australia is one of the highest amongst the English speaking countries. The wealth of a nation is in the brains of its people not in its natural resources.

Behan	Moshtagh
Belinda Lee	Folitarik
Melanie	Quintal
Carol	Hogan
Marianne	Vincent
Monica	McAvoy
Adrienne	Rothwell
Annette	Bessell
Keeziah	Lee
Queenie	Lee
Carolyn	Spreece
Desley	Fay
Stephen	King
Janelle	Metry
Bernadette	Stewart
Jo-Anne	Klim
Kirby	Sainsbury
David	Bruce
Elizabeth	Treagus
Victoria	Holman
Lynnette	Howick
Anne Maree	Hurnall
Connie	Ng
Rhonda	McGinnity
Helen	Dixon
Anna	Pern
Jean	Brodie Hall
Iris	Ashton

If we want to be the smart country, the price of books needs to come down!

Dianne	Southern
Erin-rose	Dickson
Bethany	Herron
Emma	Norrish
David	Cameron
Megan	Pittard
Rosalia	Lee
Tina	Catania
Tammy	Walsh
Deidre	Herring
Frank	Haydock
Jonathan	Keaney
Matthew	Keaney
Rebecca	Keaney
Dean	Keaney
Sue	Daniels

I would much prefer to buy books from Booksellers within Australia promptly, rather than the current situation of being forced to buy from Amazon and others.

Reading is a pastime that suits all ages and the price of books today is a deterrent to a section of our community (aged pensioners, lower income families) that if reduced would make available a source of entertainment and knowledge to these people. It is important that children have exposure to books to encourage their development, again the high cost of books is a deterrent to this.

Jen	Thomas
James	Baxter
Marie	Williamson
Rachel	Miles

Selena	Verhaaf
Evelyn	Morris
Kerry	Downs
Margaret	Black
Margaret	Harden
Michael	Herzfeld
Kirriily	Humphries
Alexis	Lynch
Sharon	Williams
Teana	Grainger
Tegan	Grainger
Cathy	Williams
Greg	Skeggs
Vicki	Skeggs
Jack	Skeggs
Michael	Skeggs
Adele	Skeggs
Lesley	Pemberton
Loren	Becroft
Elizabeth	Loo
Jan	Mc Gillivray
Stephen	Dean
Brandon	Jarrett
Christine	Wright
Lindsay	Smith
Sally Ann	Haw
Margaret	Nonas
John	De Paoli
Julie-Ann	Vellios
Sarah	Eastlake-smith
Lillian	Traynor
Teresa	Watson
Vicky	Nonas
Campbell	Fredericks
Annalise	Fredericks
David	Fredericks
Elizabeth	Fredericks
Tanya	Brown
Christine	Cope
Anne-marie	Hawley
Illana	Latham
Xanthi	Kouvatas
Lesley	Mcmahon
Christopher	Harris
Chris	Pedersen

I agree and support this proposal

We are already taxed at higher rates than most other countries - why should we pay more for books too?

Jannette	Farley
Stella	Gray
Lanice	Dicker
Chevonne	Fabre
Hannah	Scott
Jessica	Panneman
Hamish	Stewart
Margaret	Edwards
Julie	Stinson

As a student and parent I would love to be able to afford more books. Allowing cheaper books would be a great step forward!

Terina	Eastman
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Susan	Connell
Sandi	Foley
Dianne	Jackson
Alexandra	Grant
Jessica	Soury
Jane	Steinberg
Leah	Vandervliet
Beatrice	Morrone
Alicia	Gray
Laila	Davis
Barbara	Garrett
David	Earls
Marie	Hogan
Rebecca	O'Dwyer
Tina	Kelleher
Samantha	Burns
Katherine	Sherrie
Coan	Harvey
Tzer-Han	Lim
Tina	Green
Mollie	Mudd
Paul	Collins
Keith	Alexander
Wendy	Atkinson
My Lan	Vu
Carmel	Divola
Helen	Yuen

Currently the restrictions only harm the consumer.

I fully support this petition. I had thought that Meg Lees (former Democrat leader) had a promise from the previous Government to eliminate the importation laws. I'm abhored to think it hasn't happened. If it can be done for CD's - why not books??

Willi (Ms)	Carney
John	Sheridan
Cyron	Lee
Anthony	Bennett
Arlene	Reid
Philippa	Rowlands
Bronwyn	Rossi

I have English and American friends that come and visit me in Australia and they've all commented on how expensive books are here compared to the UK and US.

Fiona	Summers
Glenda	Simpson
Liz	Cohalan
Christina	Signorini
Anthony	Clarke
Jane	Sutherland
Iris	Lam
Jennifer	Chen
Geroldo	Chan
Kristy	Charles
Vicki	O'Kelly
Nuala	Tainton
Elizabeth	Barnes
Yvonne	Harrison
Inger	Russell
Fei-fei	Hardy
Tracey	Negus
Beryl	White

Peter	Elliston	I often use Amazon to reduce the cost of books in Australia I believe that information should be cheaper. The cost of books at present is prohibitive in Australia - I buy them second hand and overseas. Wouldn't it be better if I bought them in new and in Australia?
Brigitte	Cox	
Sharon	Wells	
Sarah	Fordyce	
Khuong	Nguyen	
Alix	Armstrong	
Sharon	Foster	
Tracy	Ireland	
Lap Kuen	Leung	
Lois	Blake	
Meme	Thorne	
		I believe the government should allow people who enjoy reading the same benefits as music lovers, by enabling availability of cheaper books. As a pensioner this would be of enormous benefit to me, as well as the numerous other Australian pensioners.
Priyani	Perera	
Anmol	Sharma	
Dorothy	Curnow	
Pema	Gazzard	
Holly	Alvarez	
Jeanne	Eve	
Peggy	Krinelos	
Tara	Timms	
Lynette	Hayes	
Diane	Whitfield	
Anne	Cooper	
Karen	Smith	Why why ??? Books are vital resources and should not be so expensive that ordinary people cannot afford them.
Nola	Pickett	
Tomoko	Sano	
Jan	Mikkelsen	
Rebekka	Sayer	
Zenia	Xie	I support the Coalition for Cheaper Book's Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation because we need more books that do not cost at least \$20.00. I agree that this may help improve literacy levels, and help encourage reading to all ages through the economy crisis.
Jennifer	Bochmann	
Helen	Wicks	
Jessica	May	
Gemma	Parkes	
Jean	Piccone	
Janice	Pinkus	
Amelia	Holz	
Caroline	Spratt	I fully believe that books should be cheaper, everyone would buy more if they didn't cost such a large amount, so I support your campaign.
Ethel	Jotkowitz	Books are much too expensive in Australia!!!!
Neil	Davidson	
Lyn	Williams	if the books go cheaper the people on pensions can afford them now.
Gina	Davidson	
		If the rights of the Authors are protected, then why shouldn't we have a system that can benefit all, instead of robbing those who cannot afford it the pleasure and knowledge reading can bring. This action will reduce literacy rates in Australia and result in declines in education achievement levels - is this the future we want for Australia?
Tracy	Woolrych	
Katrina	Robertson	
Joanne	Butler	

Margaret Greer		As an author and a reader I feel book prices should reflect the true price of production and distribution without hidden or unnecessary interference or cost. The internet has altered the availability of written information and book prices should reflect this. Books are friends, computers are machines.
Jean Zeenat Zainab Pamela Lorraine Ben Meafelle Kat Carol-anne Megan Elizabeth Wendy	Hamey Aziz- Singh Alttahir James Greenwood Andersen Tejada Bradley Gayler Davies Burridge	As a teacher I would so love to see books more accessible to everyone.
Patricia	Palm	As a pensioner I agree with this, I would prefer new books but lately I have been forced to browse second hand bookshops I feel that for children in particular the current pricing structure is restrictive and especially prohibitive to families on low incomes. How are our children to learn if they cannot afford books?
Kirsty Jody Jennifer Barbara	Lewis Crooks Retford Gardiner	Books should be cheaper as this may help encourage kids and young adults to rediscover the joy of reading and owning their own books.
Jaala Chris Merindah Anne	Beauchamp Koppl Turner Garrity	
Georgina Leigh Tiasha Greg Natascha Georgia Sally Anne Jade Bernadette Karyn Colin Sylvie Brian Maxine David Paula Stefanie Grace Joanne Cheryl Jenni Caryl	Helm Cusumano Dean Hall Goth Georgiou Gault Grimes Stephenson Foxton Mckenzie Huigen Tran Reczek Mcilroy Toe Webb Loader Colwell Adams Boothby Moore	After living in the UK I am shocked at the price of books in Australia. I love reading and would buy many more books if they were not as expensive. Come on Australia, lets get our children reading again.
David Paula Stefanie Grace Joanne Cheryl Jenni Caryl	Mcilroy Toe Webb Loader Colwell Adams Boothby Moore	Totally agree which the approach being proposed - good luck
Cheryl Jenni Caryl	Adams Boothby Moore	I totally agree and support this petition
Mike Anthony	Baker Davis	Removing trade restrictions such as this one is fundamentally better for the Australian population as a whole. Distorting the market to advantage the few (the local distributors) is always bad for the many (the vast majority -- the rest of the Australian population)...

Even in this age of electronic communication, internet and wireless communications - books and other paper-based communications are still needed. Just look at how Parliament and all the public and private sectors work. More importantly this how we study and learn effectively.

Garry Wong
Johnson Tan
Christine Garner
Stepheann Beseau
Mathew Le Milliere
Freya Shearer
Valerie Thornell
Dawn Rogers
Philip Menz
Cheryl Cunningham
Karen Johnson

Justine Kitchenham

I totally support Dymocks in this petition. Books have gotten more and more expensive and if this occurs, they will probably be out of the reach of we avid readers.

Joanne Vasilakis
Penny Holland

It will be great if this can be achieved because when you are a big family and everyone loves to read it gets very expensive to purchase too many books for all.

Larissa Shevchenko
Leonie Gutsell
Jeremy Wood
Romeo Prieto
Leonie Valentine
Maxell Yarkin
Margaret Nash
Anthony Yuen

i do believe that books should be cheaper. Perhaps people will start read more and watch less TV

Glenda Hunter

The Cost of Books has been excessively high for way too long. If the government want to help families improve the reading capabilities of the children then they should make it easier for families to purchase books for all ages in the household. Growing up with other members of the family happily reading books creates an environment where the young children will start reading voluntarily as it is part of the family culture. Education starts at home long before they get to school age. It shouldn't require families to resort to libraries if there are any in their vicinity to get access to books. Cheaper books will assist with improving literacy.

Estelle Jackson
Bobby Lee
Ivan Sng
Andy Pal

I used to buy a book most weeks when in England but will go a few weeks between buying books here. I also do not buy as many books for my children as I used to due to the expense

Karen Munninger
Hannah Pratt
Loren Sabel
Sharon Fawle
Florence Wong
Jennie Matheson
Yllana Empedrado

Also, Sig Munninger. I am a TAFE trades lecturer who has tried to get technical books directly from the USA because the Australian distributor was uninterested in providing a timely service. His offer was three to six months. I got the books in a week but only because a friend in California bought them from Michigan and then posted them to me in Australia. The distributor had no competition and so no motivation.

Catherine Roberts
Margaret-an Shuttleworth
Joanne Barnden
Madeleine Mazza

Please make books cheaper!!! xx

Vicki Payne

I strongly endorse everything that can be done to reduce the cost of books which are essential for the cultural, artistic and intellectual life of the nation.

If this will assist with greater affordability of books for all then I am all for it! Let's do our bit to boost literacy levels and provide the enjoyment of books to young and old alike.

Lynn Maher
Matthias Schmidt
Natalie Drummond
Amanda Thongvilu
Jeannette Ta
Kylie Jamieson
Lorraine Burgess
Helen Dyer
Bonnie Eklom
Pauline Dhas Martin

Free trade should extend to books.

Rosalind Venville
Patricia Del Favero
Phillip Lucas
Catriona Roberts
Gwynnyth Mccall
Aimee Thevissen
Kelly Riley
Dorothy Clark
Sarah Mccoy
Mandy Alter
Bianca Schoone
Dylan Moetata
Jessica Masterton
Ellen Wilmot
Erin Marsh
Kai Johnson
Lorna McConnachie
Josephine Barna
Karie Wennagel
Judith Fitzhardinge

The plan can only result in increased sales and comensurate increases in copyright revenues. As an avid reader I heartily support this initiative.

Don Jones
Sally Hoang

For some up to date technical information I also obtain copied of soem magazines. The prices charged for these frequently bears little relationship to any conversion of the cover price.

Maureen Hume

Books should be cheaper and the restrictions should be removed =)

My grandchildren are learning to read, and cheaper books will of great assistance in developing their reading skills by them reading different authors.

Paul Johnson
Ricardo Albornoz
Steve Mactaggart

The link in your email does not point to this site, so it is misleading to suggest that it does. I was not prepared to follow it as it stood, tho' I expect it was intended to auto-fill this form.

Patricia Williams
Charlene Savage
Sandro Nocentini
Peter Sumner
Jasmine Kinsey
Faye De Kauwe

I certainly would buy more books if they were cheaper than they are now. Often I use them for various forms of education.

Susan Hearfield
Emma Fisher

Children and adults alike should be encouraged to read more, especially with the declining literacy and numeracy rates. Also, by removing these ridiculous restrictions, buying books will be more affordable, which, in a time where the economy is unstable, and people are having to cut back on "luxuries", is nothing but a good thing.

Koby Duncan
Sharon Rapa
Sandy Quadrio

Books in Australia are far too expensive. I belong to a book group; we read both classic and modern authors but we usually cannot afford to buy the latest best sellers. We have to wait until they come out in paper back, wait on a long list to eventually get them from the library or obtain them from overseas. We would much prefer to support local booksellers and the authors by buying some of them. What a joy for us the latest cheap editions of Penguin Classics have been (\$9.95); we have even chosen books because we know we can buy them - annotate and keep them, pass them on to friends, pass them on to charity shops. Reading is a joy and owning a book you love is an added delight.

Jennifer Roxburgh
Sharon Bynder
Sharon Rapa
Debra Bourke
Ann Lofthouse
Cheryl Singleton
Diana Collier
Dennice Scannell
Jeanne .de Sales
Meredith Davis
Leanda Maguire
Catherine Cluning
Kaycee Handley
Fiona Richardson
Gail White
Ben Khoo
Joanna Dolan

Fully support

Don't cripple this Industry.....

Colleen Fletcher
Izadora Fakamura
Linda Clauss
Penny Ranford
Michele Boyd
Debbie Thompson
Debbie Benson

My email address has changed also. New email address is
cmfletcher1@optusnet.com.au

Nadine Huron

I'm a bit of a bookworm, and will always buy books - indeed, one of my lifelong dreams is to have a multi-level personal library at home! So, cheaper books would definitely help. It would also allow us to get books the conventional way, instead of having to go through ebay or such when the book we want is not available otherwise - which can be a problem when one doesn't have (or want) a credit card. Thanks for thinking of us booklovers. :)

Patricia Gee

Over priced books are not conducive to movement of stock and encouraging the younger generation to read more.

Patricia Gee
Tamera Parsons
Frank Johnson

Over priced books are not conducive to movement of stock and encouraging the younger generation to read more.

Rosemary O'Hare
Angela Vitols

Books should be accessible for all and reduction in prices so that Australia has similar pricing to overseas will encourage a 'smart Australia'.

Henning	Hansen
Michael	Hogan
Nicole	Thompson
Carolyn	Hogan
Jason	Wu

You could also add that due to this restrictive laws, a lot of customers like me are opting to buy books directly from the UK, Amazon and other internet book dealers which offer books at a lower price than Australian bookstore retailers. I would like to support Dymocks and my local bookstore, but obviously I'd rather get books at a cheaper price. If the Aussie government wants to really save local small businesses and encourage more book reading then they should really remove this very restrictive laws which seem in the end seem to only benefit a few than the multitude of Aussie book lovers.

Maria Antoni	Rodriguez
Renee	Beatty

Cheaper books would be a boon to people like me who read a lot and don't always have access to the books we want unless we source them ourselves from overseas markets at quite inflated prices when you have to pay inflated postage prices.

Beth	Williams
Narelle	Pilgrim
Deidre	Castle
Elaine	Corley
Robere	Rahme
Meyrel	Belward
Carol	Barker
Stephanie	Canaway
Chris	Brennan
Amanda	Cole

Books are a fundamental for any society, language, or culture. They are educational in every aspect of life, death, & afterlife; from how to tie your shoelaces to the intricacies of how the brain works- to become a brain surgeon. They invigorate the minds, imaginations and aspirations of all who experience them. They have no age limit; enable understanding; & break down the barriers of communication. For some, they save lives. The substance that books provide to any individual and community is priceless. They are as vital as the fresh water we drink and should be readily available to all- not confined by cost. I don't know if this coalition would help with the financial economy or not, but wouldn't the government want its country and its people to be wealthy -not just in pocket (which for

Jennifer	Cassin
Zenaida	Bautista
Zach	Shepherd
James	Watts
Keith	Mottram
Natalia	Selak
Sarah	Heathcote

As a teacher I fully support any move that will make books more accessible to readers. Current prices make books a luxury which in this time of economic downturn means people will be less likely to spend on them. I am especially concerned that children and teenagers will be affected. We don't need any further "dumbing down" in our country.

Janine	Dorrell
Yulia	Gurdina
Kathryn	Byrne
Kerry	Limbert
Jielai	Zhang
Beverley	Flynn
Karen	Head
Bernardine	Rana
Jo-Ellen	Courtney

You have my support. Cheers!

Kirriily	Wong	
Alan	Golding	I totally agree
Brooke	Thomas	
Olivia	Slonim	
Vivian	Oo	
Katherine	Millington	Books are a necessity, not a luxury, they should be affordable to everyone!
Christine	Nettheim	
Tracey	Shooter	
Maria	Jeansson De Oliveira	
Kathy	O'Donnell	Seems like a no-brainer really.
Lynda	Adams	
Sarah	Reding	
		I love to read but am finding the cost of books extremely high compared to overseas countries. I tend to wait until I visit an overseas destination or when family visit us 5-8 times a year I ask them to buy me the books I want and bring them to me as it is soooo much cheaper. Please Productivity Commission and the Government remove restrictions on parallel imports for books
Kerry	Cunningham	
Maria	Brascovita	
Eric	Coates	
Elizabeth	Thorpe	
Genevieve	Limbert	
Tristan	Limbert	
Louise	Myler	
		Hi, I consider myself an avid reader and my great hope for my children is they discover the pleasures of literature also. I strongly urge the Productivity Commission to reconsider its recommendation - the dangers facing the printed book are many. It would be unfortunate if people turn to online copies instead because the price differential will only get larger. Of course, the fabulous irony here is the entities this restriction seeks to protect will not benefit in any way from online purchases. It saddens me the library and bookstore are being rendered obsolete in Australia. The restriction on parallel importation appears to be protecting a few to the detriment of a great many. Not very good public policy is it?
Priya	Veale	
Ruben	Castro	
Herbert	Mackey	
		How can you justify inflating book prices and expect improved literacy among the young? If their parents can't afford the books, the children miss out on a world of learning. Cut the price, improve the grades!!!!
Bindi	Millson	
Michelle	Mcintosh	
Julian	Doyle	
Patricia	Matheson	
Roslyn	Harris	
Sheena	Simmonds	
Litsa	Layzell	
Sarah	Bycroft	
		With the literacy levels of our children dropping, why are we making it harder for them to access books?
Allana	Herrod	
Janelle	Wraith	
Doretta	Crasnich	
Kevin	Powell	
Paula	Gowans	
Yanka	Petera	Live, Love and Learn! We need cheaper books to learn.
Ursula	Sinnis	
Steve	Doorey	
Valerie J	Ault	
CAMELIA	PLESCAN	
Alevy	Figueroa	

jay brown
Callantha Brigham
Kylie Twigg

they say reading is important for the growth of every person (young & old). how can a person do this if we can't afford it. books should be cheaper.

Carolyn Sheppard
Nicholas Wilson
Helen Dutton
Patricia Gallant
Lowenna Holt
Edward Hartley
Kate Croucher
Rand Mohan

Anything which will reduce the price of books is a good thing; reading (both fiction and non-fiction) exercises the mind- it appears to me that quite a few journalists did not read enough when at school / university - their spelling and grammatical skills are abominable

Frank Finn

As a teacher I feel books are expensive enough and we have a responsibility to ensure that they will always be affordable for all.

Sally Wimbridge
Jared Housen
Judy Pepin
Jaime White

People are just using the internet to get their books cheaper, it is often cheaper to purchase from Amazon even with exchange rates and postage. This effects Australian businesses as none of this money stays within Australia

Kim Scicluna
Tiffany Lanzing
Nicola Dunnett
Amelia Tay
Nikki Villacampa-Heng
Sam Teng
Lynette Plant
Chann Khith
Cassandra Weeks
Seth Heng
Raquel Weeks
Angelica Villacampa
Nicole wall
Leena Sharma
Catherine Lukeman
Shelley Campbell
Sandra Betty Harris
Gabrielle Nichol
Dawn Geddes
Mark Koum
Vicky Robertson
Phuong Tran
elzbieta majocha
Jo Ashworth
Jason Barnes
Vivian Yfandis
Emmy Langmaid
Pauline Lohmeyer
Wendy Pedretti
Suzanne Tsekos
Cheryl Gentle
An Loc Van
Howard Henderson
Angela Allen

Anna	Crane
Jennifer	Salt
Sarah	Charles
Karina	Kusumo
Alison	Westhoff
Wendy	Szekeres
Dean	O'Neill
Andrew	Thomas
Kathleen	Wallis

As a teacher and reader I urge the government to do whatever is necessary to reduce the price of books in Australia. If royalties are still paid where they are due our book buyers should have the same opportunities to bring about reduction in costs to consumers. Isn't this what the "free market economy" is all about? We need the brightest minds like never before in this country to confront the enormous challenges ahead of us re: climate change and global economic collapse of the "old market systems". Affordable books are a part of this nation wide education process. If you are truly about an education revolution and investing in the future of all young and not so young Australians, then reducing the price of this vitally important resource is essential. Do it or be damned!

Rebecca	Kopke-Bennett
Giovanni	Sulfaro
Jean-Paul	Wallace
Sonya	Foster
Lynda	Zhan
Sandra	Mason
Georgia	Piekkala-fletcher
Cheryl	Macaulay
Stella	Liu
Robyn	Ashley

We dont want to be sanctioned from the world! To introduce higher rates on our books would be to disable the minds of youths, such as myself, to subside to other things, and at the moment i think the youth of today does not require any encouragement in that area! Plus many great authors are internationally recognised!! NO RAISE IN PRICES!!

Zahraa	Ahmadi
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I think the government should support selling cheaper books to encourage people to start teaching children to read at and develop literacy skills.

Dawn	Gaze
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books are important as they are a great recreation and learnig tool and should be easilly afordable to everyone.

Gabrielle	Carr
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The cheaper we have books the more likely more people will return to reading rather than DVD's or video games etc!

Gigliola	Harrison
Rukmini	Raghuraman
Joanna	Tang
Charlotte	Paterson
Julie	Stoloff
Lee Anne	Mckenzie
Beth	Bell
Kerrie-anne	Kean
John	Scarrott
Carly	Whelan
Rachel	Wells
Kunjai	Shah
Alan	Young
Sophie	Connor
Lauren	Buckels
Stacey	Milne
Sheena	Lannin
Clare	Beauchamp

Constance Hockings

To who it may concern,
By removing the import restrictions it will open the book market to international competition. This will stop local subsidiaries and agents of overseas publishers charging inflated wholesale prices. Similar importation laws on CDs were removed in 1998 and you might remember how the prices of CDs fell dramatically - the same can happen for books. I urge the powers to be to support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.
Yours Sincerely, R. Moignard

Ross Moignard
Anthony Antioch
Moiria Yeldon
Brendan Barker
Michelle Card
Kate Wilson

Anything to make books more affordable, especially in these tougher economic times. Books are such an important part of life particularly children and families.

Katherine Mckenzie
Wendy Little
Anne Mader-flowers
Christopher Denes
Kathryn Knevelt
Julia Atkinson
Robert Cartwright
Tracy Ellinger

Debbie Beckwith
Annalisa O'Donovan
Jan Staley

I used to buy a book a week in the UK. Cant afford to do so here, my mum sends me books over from the UK so would be great to have cheaper books here

Cheryl Jury
Andrew Conroy
Belinda Fabian
Bianca Koksall
Breana Macpherson-Rice
Doreen Rogers
Michelle Fleming
Michelle Fleming
Susan Graham
Emily Bonilla
Ashleigh Mawer
Melanie Day
Moya Barnett
Suzanne Nouwens
Aikko Mihashi
Samantha Crofts - Hall

May encourage parents to buy more books for their children, encouraging them to read more.

WE WANT CHEAPER BOOKS!!

This is the best petition ever!

I think this is really important, and support the Dymocks cause :)

Carol McGowan
Max Post
Alison Ward
Luen Samonte
Margaret Swan
Fiona Mcconnell
Leanne Jackson

I would just like to ensure that the benefits to readers is not adversely impacted by short sighted or ill considered considerations regarding the importation of books to Australia.

I agree books should be cheaper like they are in the US and Canada

CHRISTINE FITZGERALD

I WOULD BUY MORE BOOKS IF THEY WERE NOT SO OUTRAGEOUSLY EXPENSIVE IN AUSTRALIA

Carol Scoble
Daniel Kirton
Jessica Bacon
Jennifer Thomas
Amity Alexander
Cassandra Zec
Sandra Black
Sue Smith
Margaret Dugdale
Joyce Hung
Susan Presho
Chris Gunnell
Sophia Lum
Elizabeth Totman
Barbara Mathieson
Gregory Paterson
Adwena Shemon
Jennifer MacKenzie
Natalie Cincotta

Cheaper books means that I can purchase more
CHEAPER BOOKS!!!!!!!!!!

Books are a vital part of the learning process for kids, an escapism for teenagers and adults. Books I believe are important for a person to not only develop their minds but also for their enjoyment

Victor Goh
Karen Ernst
Beverley Nairn
Rosemary Bennett
Elicia Sotingco

I wholeheartedly support this action. If we were able to obtain cheaper books we would not be hunting through second hand bookshops and markets for our reading material.

Joyce Sheasby
Suzanne Plume
Stephen Learmonth
Carla Carr

This is such an overdue reform. I love buying books in America because the prices are so reasonable.

Sary Oum
Julia Cusworth
Rosemary Alderson
Dene Stareczek
Cheryl Brewer
Tamara Cumming
Manuel Estevez

Cheaper books will mean a more educated society and encourage more people to read and improve literacy levels.

I support the coalition for cheaper books

Misha Pearson
Melissa Smee
Ellen Hoy
Lisa Reeves
Rosemary Alderson
Nola Kontjonis
Rebecca Salvestrin
Bronwyn Williams
Bronwyn Williams
Chloe Higgins
Antonia Kamid
Leanne Gilham

I Buy a large number of book on various topics, I would appreciate if we could reduce the cost of these books, which will allow me to pass on more books to children I know and allow them to read. Families can not afford high prices when then have many children, please support families to support their children and their childrens future!

I support the coalition for cheaper books

CHEAPER BOOKS!

children need to read all, the emphasis is on computers lets make reading affordable for all.

Sonia Davis
Sandra Carrello
Letitia Brennan
Sarah Dammers
Grace Lim
Robyn weller
Alan Evans
Susan Valachovic
Gwenda Aldridge
Sheila Sim
Eugene Van Prehn
Diana Donaldson
Ann Yelland
Leyden Deer
Jasmine Duncalfe
Janette White
Roslyn Jackson
Stevan Josimovic
Robin Kuzela
Susan Harvey

We need to be able to reasonably access books that enrich the mind and teach us so much despite the global economic downturn! Bring on the cheaper books for a smarter Australia!

Katrina Pratt
Jeffrey Smith
Kate Webber
Caitlin Streets-hanby
Pat Savill
Belinda Lee
Klaus Mikkelsen
Catherine Sulter

I think if these restrictions were removed and cheaper book prices were brought in, I would be able to buy books that I need for school etc. at more regular intervals.

Ashleigh Kennedy
Alishea Hughes
Helen Lethridge
Simon Greenwood
Carol Bond

We have been paying way too much for Books in this country for far too long. Enough is Enough Australia.

Peter Gilfillan

I see books as an important part of the education of peoples, and they have a right to received that education at an affordable price, so that more people than less are able to receive that education. The government is supposed to be 'for' the poeple, like a wise parent doing what is best for their children, in this case the people of Australia

Lynette Kinnear
Nicola Henderson
Moiria Laverty
Emily Michel Schluter
Christopher Rosiak
Lee Reader
Ryan Farrugia
Patrick Bowmaker

Make The Twilight Series cheaper less than \$20!

Gillian Meighan
Mercedes Simola

Anything that makes books accessible to a greater number of people, has to be a good move!!

Good luck with your campaign. I wondered why books were so expensive here and now I know why. Surely this restriction goes against the Government's targets for literacy?

Mark Pickett
Tara Briggs
Stacey Fallon
Robyn Goods
Katrina Silverlock
Janis Bailey
Emily Dodds
Holly Pendlebury

Nicola Page

The price of books in Australia is scandalous and anything that can be done to reduce these prices should be done without hesitation.

It would be ridiculous to increase the pricing of books when instead they should be kept at their price, or lower, to encourage all people to read more. It's educative and stimulates the mind so much more than television or any other visual aid.

Nathalie Alva
Lauren Rutter
Linda Pensabene

The Australian Government, through the Productivity Commission, must create laws that benefit Australian Book Readers and not Australian subsidiaries or agents of overseas publishers. If free trade is the basis of a global market then Australian laws should not create an imbalance by benefiting the larger overseas markets. It is enough that we have to pay higher transport costs for books from overseas.

Isabel Collins
Shui Yee Tam
Sophie Mchenery
Sophie Tsekouras
Sherie Sampson
Kristine Bendall
Pamela Grant

Nicholas Smith

This is great to see, I'm in the US currently and books by the Australian illustrator Shaun Tan are a fraction of the price that they are in his home country! I am an avid buyer of books. I travel a lot. I buy books at airports because they are cheaper. I buy books using Amazon, because they are cheaper. The current system is stupid and assumes that nanny can control everything. The only thing she's going to do is drive retailers out of business.

Alan Jeary
Greg Campbell

Any thing that can place cheaper books into more peoples' hands has to be supported.

Rhonda Passlow
Jane Oostergetel
Judy Fok
Melissa Dao
Ella Sheedy
Anna Lancaster
Margie Cordukes
Owen Smith
John Bissett

Amelia McGuinness
Alex Robertson
Amy Burke
Fiona Cave

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restriction on parallel importation.

Angela Hall
Nicole Weeks
Rachel Panting

As well as being a book lover I am also an ABC Shop Manager & this would have a positive effect on my business.

Rachel Panting
Earl Spencer
Antoinette Musumeci
Judi Lister
Lucia Colonna
Christian Costa

I love books that's all. I'm still keeping my good membership. Thank you.....

The markup on imported books seems to be increasing even taking into account the weaker Australian dollar eg. Studs Terkel Interviews : Films & Theatre imported before our dollar plunge in 2008 sold for \$16.95 in the US yet in Australia it was selling for \$34.95. Books are so important they should be readily available and affordable to young and old. The GST on books was a disgrace.

Maurice Harold
Rethinasamy Kuppusamy
Richard Lauder
Roxanne Tunkin
Jennifer Reynolds
Desmond White
Meghan Loader
Christopher Ford
Cameron Botsford
Rob Boyd
Monica Majumder
Amy Sparnon
Joely Langmaid

Fully support your cause. Thanks
If it's good enough for CD's it's good enough for books!!

Leigh Blake
Kurt Carmichael
Kayla Anderson
Diane Louise Wheeler
Edwina Macoun
Lucas Nicholls
Peter Sweeper
Sarah Salman
Annette Rocca
Rosemary Stuve

Agree with submission. Cheaper book prices will encourage more people to read and therefore improve literacy levels amongst the population.

Martin Lambert
Fiona Pitchford
Simone Smith
Melinda Vernon
Chui Chan
Jane Gu
Vicki Hinds
Leanne Bodilly
Jeanie Misko
Helen Tanuwidjaja
Michael Simpson
Lauren Boyle
Michelle Cox
Glenn Forbes
Margaret Millar
Jacqueline Davis

It seems ludicrous to me that I can order books from the UK via the internet and have them delivered to my door cheaper than I can buy them in Australia. Books need to be easily affordable and accessible to all Australian families as they are such an important part of education. Literature has been one of the measures used throughout the ages to identify developed nations and civilisations. All Australians should be doing whatever they can to help reduce the cost of putting books in front of our children.

cheaper books!

Ian Young
Jackson Heenan
Cindy Tang

For too long we have had to suffer over pricing!

Caroline Fitzroy
Natasha Radulovich
Amanda masset
Stella Jabro

Children who are introduced to books early in life have an enormous advantage over their peers. Reading books should not be an elitist activity.

Glennis Newington
Linda Kelly

I feel the same consideration should be given to booklovers as to music lovers. If one group can obtain a less expensive product then the same should apply for other groups, especially in these strained financial times.

Bronwyn Chong
Luke Theodore
Paul Camilleri
Ling Ti Chen
Karen Galloway
Emma Goodwin
Mary McCune
Megan Turner
Mellissa Millgate
Michelle Rooney
Ted Simpson
Maurice Linden
Diana Meredith-Brown
David Perry
Thomas Herzig
Ashleigh Croucher
Jocelyn King
Lynda Schulz
Melanie Lethbridge
Donna-Lea Collins
Katherine Babatzanis
Sandra Maundrell
Shirley Reardon
Ishtiaq Rahman
Jennifer Dunbabin

Books should be much cheaper. Books for children should be reasonably priced .
What a joy it is to get lost in a book.

As a high school and college English teacher in the ACT I notice an increase in students moving away from reading - which therefore inhibits their literacy skills. Reasons for students lack of interest when questioned are generally; there aren't many novels that are about topics that are of real interest to me or; they're becoming very expensive to purchase. With a growing number of students accross Australia showing depleted skills in spelling and syntax we need to be making reading much more appealing to our youth. From statistics of year sevens coming in to our schools this year alone there was a steep drop in particularly their spelling skills. What better way to improve and develop young Australian's skills through making reading more appealing? Additionally it is not just novels

Jenny Wilson
Cassidy Meredith
Mike Thompson
Kathy Drane
Katherine Davey
Brooke Smith
Ian McGechen
Lyn Jones
Vivienne Yates

Linda	Tolmie	I much prefer to buy from a book shop, but when books at the hypermart are up to 20% cheaper its a no brainer. We must preserve our bookstores for the future culture of everyone who reads books.	
Nina	Kempinger		
Mark	Ward		
Tegan	Smit	This would be a great thing, I buy online because it is cheaper to buy from overseas with extra shipping costs rather than buying locally.	
Catherine	Jacobsen		
Angelique	Eberle		
Alana	Salsano	As a Booklover and someone who buys thousands of dollars worth of books every year for my family, I think this legislation is un-Australian. How are we supposed to encourage reading for fun to our children when books are too expensive for them to buy?	
Mandy	Lawton		
Lorraine	Hammacott		
Melba	Proestos	The need to increase the affordability of reading is imperative. We have so many children and young adults who can use a computer but are unable to easily read a book (I am aware of the irony of submitting this via computer). The government needs to look bigger picture with relation to literacy and not bigger profits.	
Belinda	Bird		
Louise	Jaworowskyj		
Para	Parameshwaran		
Stephanie	Thomson		
Julia	Williams		
David	Lucas		
Ernie	Reynolds		
Georgia	Burt		
Soojin	Kim		
Denise	Adams		
Heath	Clayton		I can order books on Amazom.com cheaper then I can buy them here and that includes international postage as well. And I got also obtain books that I can't buy in the shops here. Why is that?
Natalie	Quarrell		
Vasiliki	Milioniis		
Rachelle	Reynolds	I support the removal of import restrictions leading to cheaper books being available as it will encourage more people to take up the habit of buying and reading books. As an avid reader and ex-primary school teacher I appreciate the value of books to pupils and the general public.	
Frances	Woods		
Tania	Grech		
Ramesh	Natarajan	As an avid reader and primary school teacher I am constantly using english literature.	
Geoff	Bannister		
Suzanne	Bannister		
Glenn	Williams	Having access to cheaper books is much more important to Australia than cheaper CD's. It seems ridiculous that the Australian public be penalized by such ridiculous legislation. I am sick of ordering my books overseas, as even with postage they are cheaper than buying here. I want to support Australian businesses including Dymocks, but until the price of books in Australia drops, I will continue to purchase in the US.	
Lisa	Halliday		
Kathy	Retalic		
Sarah	Spencer	Our younger generation needs to have the freedom of easy access to written literature or they will all be lost to cyberspace.	
Heather	Butel		
Lucy Elizabe	Edwards		
Elaine	Rush		

Margo Freer
roxanna childs
Margaret-An Davidson
Hilary Hartney
Donna Cox
Chitra Varanasi
Maria Vitelli
Dorothy Macmillan

Cheaper books are still favoured over high speed broadband schemes in my home.
My money at work - not our Tax money. DWHeath

David Heath
Nerida Firth
Sabine Conn

I find our books here extremely expensive!! Even with the current exchange rates and the cost of shipping it's still cheaper to buy the books through amazon.com which we do on a monthly basis. books need to be accesible to everyone.

Maila Corkill
Maila Corkill
Arthur Martin
Annette Radocaj

Registered and practicing teachers should be also be subsidised by the government through the productivity commission. I spend a lot on books simply because the school will not supply me with reference material because of funding. Especially Computer material which changes rapidly. We need to be in the fore front of technology.

Govender Gonaseelan

Lets get Australia reading!! Our education system could do with a hand up by getting kids reading instead of watching tv and playing playstations. High costs of books discourages reading. Lets also abolish tax on books!!

Colin Eve
Amanda Huuk
Jill Saunders
Brianna Summers

this is a great, i am an avid book reader and i love buying new books, the only problem is i just cant afford it all the time. So it will be great if we can get books cheaper. Thank you

Meygan Hall

Samantha Buchanan
Soren Kierkegaard
Julie Goad
Michael Gillett
Yudhika Naidoo
Brett Cork

Books should be more affordable to encourage literacy across all demographics.

Susan Carrigan
Robert Halsey
Frank Marik

Reading is my lifesaver with 6 children from 15 to 24 it is my peace from the everyday stuff pls make them cheaper
Books are the life blood of an educated and reading public.

Jackie Rankine
Audrey Tuvik
Rachel Mcglade

Books can already be bought cheaper from overseas online stores, help our local retailers by giving them the ability to compete with the power of the internet!

Emmanuel Onesimo
Maria Wakeling

I am one of the booklovers, I will be happy if the book prices becomes low. this will make me to read more books as they will become more affordable to me Thank you
yours Emmanuel

Mark Joel

As a librarian with a highly restricted budget, Dymocks proposal makes complete sense to me and my colleagues and could mean the difference in us staying afloat or sinking. In these tough times, we should be supporting Australian industries, not allowing a massive leak of purchasing offshore.

Patricia	Fowler
Rita	Renwick
Margaret	Porro
Elizabeth	Doan
Sarah	Bridge
Elisa	Riggio
Lance	Chen
Justin	Ma
Emma	Crichton
Yolanda	Wegman
Florina	Uhrle
Amy	Vocale
Cheryl	Burke
Mary	Batzakis
Robyn	Hennings
Cynthia	Mayers
David	Ingle
Danielle	Robinson
CHEN	Yu-Chen
Carol	Thomas
Lindsay	Shaw
Dave	Horsler
Marie	Edwards
Kathryn	Cotter
Jessica	Prinzi
Sandra	Vella
Stephen	Gaffee
Peter	Kneebone
Gianina	Carter
Judith	Jacobs
Burnette	Mitchell
Fabrice	Schloegel
Adam	Bove
Janette	Rosedale
Kriscia	Tapia
Courtney	Tatnell
Georgia	Trist

everyone needs cheaper books =]]

Please Support affordable education

The price of books in this country and the totalitarian publishing regime that it has propped it up for half a century or more is OBSCENE. How can the same book cost THREE TIME AS MUCH in Australia as in America??? Answer: because the rest of the money is going into the back pockets of people who ADD NOTHING of value to the process of importing books into this county. How could the Trade Practices legislation of this country have allowed this to occur for so long??? STOP IT NOW!!!! Any protectionism on books is a hurdle to improving the rate and quality of education in Australia.

Robert	Smallwood
Nelson	Leong
Jill	Regazzo
Raymond	Zeng
Katarina	Smelikova

It is absolutely vital that the price of books be reduced as much as possible to encourage young people to READ, instead of playing electronic games all the time. PLEASE allow the removal of restrictions on parallel importation of books.

Mary	Mercer
Kate	Goldsmith
Mario	Manzano
Julia	Lyons Myers
Susan	Noble

Eli	Fong
Pamela	Taylor
Kelli	Ng
Darcy	Maynard
Peter	Askew
Michelle	Sheldon
Ken	Smith
Ray	Barham
Stacey	Richmond
Lily	Wang
Jacqui	Callcut

One of my most precious self indulgences is reading. I love to read and since having children have continued to do so involving them. Books should be made available at affordable prices as due to the cost I must limit what I buy.

Anna	Pirillo
Maddy	Saha
Elizabeth	Purtell
Catherine	Ogden
Mathew	Cheeseman
Ruth	Everingham
Nikki	Fox
Ou	Jin

I love books. They are a source of pure knowledge that CANNOT and will NOT be replaced - by any means - by the internet, or any other 'modern' sources of knowledge and learning. They have been part of human culture and society for centuries and millenia; surely, they deserve better treatment than this... thus, I willingly SUPPORT the coalition for the Cheaper Books' Campaign.

Siddharth	Padhye
Helen	Taylor
Tatanya	Simmonds
Anjelica Ann	Buti
Maureen	Morskyj
Sonia	Cuff

If the government is serious about literacy then should get rid of this and the GST.

Alistair	James
Jessica	Nair
Craig	Smellie
Karen	Williams
Amanda	Funda
Jeanette	Brits

Books today are already expensive as it is! Why take that away with further price hikes? I'd probably just give up reading altogether.

Jacky	Tang
Katherine	Murray
Catherine	Su
Michael	Canning
Vikki	Fraying
Sharon	Webb
Celia	Leverton
Susan	Roberts

Educational sources such as books should be made as cheap as possible. Surely we want to encourage our society and children towards reading for enjoyment and learning by encouraging lower prices?

Anna	Roosen
Lee	Harrison
Janine	Doran
Kitty	Lau
Alison	Lewis

Keep Australia reading!

The price of books should be reduced so that everyone can afford to buy them regularly, not just as a special 'treat'. As a 'Granny' i buy books for my grandchildren but have to save to be able to do so. I'd love to send books much more often!!

Geraldine - / Burtt
Curtis Chen
Anne Jones
Gail Kroon
Nita Psenicka

Cheaper books means greater accessibility to lower income families, which in turn may help literacy rates in our children. There can be no disbenefits to reducing the price of books, provided that author rights are protected.

Dawn Bray
Ashlin Woodley
Marcia Davey
Jason Yip
Janet Macloy
Chee Koon Png
Oscar Salcedo
Andrew Layton
Rachael Collins
Sheila McNally
Natasha Vella
Danielle Granata
Manoj Makanjee
Suzi Morris
Elizabeth Lui
Melissa Sofield
Sam Heath
Richard Luck
Eileen Chan
Emma Brackin
Jessica Miller
Diana Hawthorne
Christine McConnell
Michelle Aprea
Susan Carson
Jacqueline Dolan
Jeanette Cotterill
Geoffrey Lai
Laurel Turner
Andrea Napper
Jennifer Halil
Emma Robinson
Sharon Webster
Lisa Siggins
Margot Green
Marianne Amrein

Why not print locally? Import the content, not the physical book.

<3 Dymocks so much!

In days of yore books were a luxury. My income is limited with the consequent on-flow that books are a luxury for me and thousands of others in the same position. I'd buy a lot more books if they were cheaper.

Ann Barlow
Tegan Logos
Ann Head
Ann Logos
Simon Marsh
Kelli Dean
Carolyn Pickering
Judith Powell

i think that having cheaper books will result in more purchases by parents giving them to their children which heighten young children's vocabulary and imaginations.

Jasmin Briggs
Keith Yee
Christina Sutiono
Jessica Huang
Barbara Lawrence
Gemma Roddan
Nick Sharp
Penny Howard-Voutos
Donna Cooper

As an avid reader I have stopped purchasing as many "new books" due to the fact I cannot afford to sprmd \$40.00 a week on a book. Second hand and ebay have become an unavoidable preference for me. Please take this petition seriously as reading books bound in paper is becoming a lost artform due to more readily available and easier options. Please make reading paperbacks not just a more affordable option, but the preferred option for all.

Barbra Perry
Alexandra Wright
Nikki Austin
Janet Ninio
Daniel Abrusci
Cathy Crowe
Jennifer Greig

I Think this is a great idea and will give australians a wide range of books at better prices

Samantha Watt
Winnie Chow
Lesley Graham

Please allow cheaper books be available for those who don't have a great deal of options by being able to shop somewhere there is cheap books available could make there day, so please allow this to continue.

Maria Gillies
Cynthia Tat
Suzanne Harris
Gabrielle Castelluccio
Lia Egan
Paul Thomas
Sarah Iemma
Lina Laezza
Amy Martin
Abeer Khan
Jennifer Venus
Gael Powell
Helen Wildsmith
Andrea Foster
Dinko Hristov
Nicole Grace
Laura Ellenberger

I would like access to a wide range of more affordable books in a more timely manner. Restrictig access through high prices and other impositions does not further our literacy levels nor does it provide for economic business , study or recreational literary pursuits.

Stephen Parry
Sherona Murugan
Amanda Fawcett
Sandra murray
Jenelle Hovey
Jill Dunsmore
Silvia Zanello
Jade Brown

Mark Kelly

I have found that in most cases, it is cheaper for me to pay international shipping and buy books from America via the Internet. It is ridiculous that buying books internationally and paying shipping charges is still cheaper than buying the same books in local, Australian bookstores. I would prefer to buy from Australian bookstores but, to be honest, it really does come down to the bottom line.

Brian Sheldon
Patrick Edwards

I adore reading and although I belong to a library to sustain my habit, I still love buying books to support authors - do the right thing - help me buy more books and support more authors.

Ria Taylor
Micah Ferrer
Mark Connell
Tiffany Gabriel
Gillian Noulton
Mickey Biezen
Georgina David
Anthony Cantley
Anne White
Taya Solodin
Peter Trott
Patricia Bellamy
Lee Sadler
Chere Decaux
Rosemary Kellett
Lisa Meehan
Julia Parkes
Kelly Beer
Diane McMaster
Thomas Urban

We often purchase books on-line from both the US and the UK and have them shipped here to Australia, because we believe the quality of printing is far better, and because many times the hardcover edition is not available in Australia. By removing the restrictions I would hope to purchase more books locally and give our own Australian businesses my custom.

Margaret Hayes

Can the federal government provide some leadership? Be proactive with improving literacy in Australia by providing the public with cheaper books when they initially published, rather than a year later.

Ian Wilson

I have almost stopped buying books due to the prohibitive prices. So long as there is a guarantee that authors will continue to receive appropriate royalties, the deregulation should occur.

Marilyn Sneddon
Ana Ni Mhanachain
Lauren Savolainen
Ryan Thompson
Jordan Jia Y Ang
Ivana Garner
Murray Verso
Peter Arthur

i want books

Kelvin Shih
Joanne Chan
Angela Wighton
Madeline Belobraydich
Elaine Finch
Elizabeth Sloane
Lisa Rudd
Katherine McDonagh

Every thing in Australia is stupidly dearer than overseas. Let's make it right this time!

Patricia Ferrier-watson
Michaela Masters
Kim Nguyen
Claire Goldsmith
Natasha Evans
John Tetteroo
Nicholas Hansen

If we are in fact serious about being world competitive then the utterly useless forcing of added intermediaries for bookselling is unnecessary and the regionalization restrictions on DVD's to add profit is similarly of no help. I think the productivity commission is too easy on believing marketing strategic marketers who artificially keep up prices

Dennis Tannenbaum
Elise Dickinson
Adam Driver
Theodora Koklas
Sarah McMeechan
Joan Kyriazis
Carmen Hawke
Gavin Catling

Elisabeth Wells

If this is something that will help our economy and businesses at this time, then the restrictions should be lifted, for booksellers, printing and publishing industries. The government should stop forcing consumers purchasing overseas books, and get local working cheaper

Anthony Grice
Sandra Sjollema
Larissa Rosam
Ma Aileen Mallion
Jude Mangione
Leah Emmanuel

It is amazing how much higher book prices seem to be in Australia than anywhere else in the world. You can buy cheaper English books in countries where English is not the main language.

Mary Straiton
Pauline Paintin
Lorayne Argue
Paul Glasencnik
Raelene Stokes
Lynne Everett
Warwick Deller - Coombs
Allan McNeish
Wendy Richardson
Fred Casonato

Samantha Warton
Sarah Drinkall
Patricia Wilkinson
Roy Palmer
Margaret Coulton

Cheaper books??? What point is there in argueing that issue, pretty obvious!!

Mark Milisavljevic
Lisa Mach
Janet Bailey

Cheaper Books Hell Yeah

Fei Di
Mischa Wong
Zack Wong
Liang Wong

As a book lover I want to read cheaper book!!!!

Ivana Pearce
Rebecca Wong
Kathleen Bennett
Sophia Halse

An intelligent nation needs affordable books

April De Jager
Elizabeth Davies
John Williams

I am a pensioner and enjoy reading and creating my own small library but with the high cost of books I can buy only a few ...also cheaper priced books will enable our rural libraries who are on a limited budget to purchase more books .

Lynette Christen
Nancy Michaelis

It is high time that the principle of competition should be allowed free rein in relation to the marketing of books. The protectionism inherent in the current position and the proposal should be recognised for what it is - anti-competitive and anti-consumer, and protecting a few at the expense of many.

Gerald Raftesath
Helen Arundale
William Cummins
Jennie Saracik
Matt Johns

Being a teacher I have spent large sums of money, over the years, on books. I also am an avid reader. It is time something was done to lower the price. Well done.

Eleanor Gibson
Barbara Shipway
Kylie Jones
Meagan Lansley
Jacqui Mallard

Books should be accessible to all - nit just hose with a bigger better budget

A compelling reason to reduce the price of books is piracy. There is nothing better than having a book in your hand to read through at leisure, but the price of books increases gravitation towards online solutions for sourcing the same material. I personally use O'Reilly's Safari online website, which is legitimate, but I have heard of many people resorting to downloading copies of printed material simply because they cannot afford to pay outrageous prices. IMHO, make them cheaper, and you'll bring those people who prefer legitimate use of resources back to the fold.

John Cougar
Ingrid Ryan
Maureen Stronach
Carolyn Forster
Shelley Gasperino
Angela Clare
Philippa Howe
Lynette Arcuri
Lili Bojovic

Maire Bond

As I belong to a book group who meets once a month it would mean a lot to us to be able to buy cheaper books.

Emma Levy
David Ramsden
Suzanne Boydell
Kylie Walker
John Wakeford
Evelyne Tymms
Katrina Chandler
James Callaghan
Sylvia Holland

I would far rather buy books from an Australian retails outlet, thereby supporting Australian jobs, however, currently it is far cheaper for me as an individual to buy books from online retailers outside of Australia - even when you factor in postage charges. Enable us to buy books from our own country at a reasonable price. I have lived in 4 different countries now and no-where has reading been so expensive.

yer...whatever

Renata Gray
Sarah Crossley

Books in Australia have always been more expensive than in Europe, UK and USA - are we trying to put people off reading? Not the Clever Country sadly.

Guy Jaffray
Sarah Hession
Kirsten Sandona
Adam Lax

The excessive cost of books is contributing to the loss of interest in reading. Instead, mind-numbingly stupid computer games and the like result in a dumbing down of our future generations.

Terry Savill
Isobel Waters
Natasha Robertson

I believe the Australian buying public deserve a better deal. The price of books have been too high for too long. I strongly support this petition.

David Holmes
lisa bowen
Lynne Lowery
Frances Legner
Natalie Roxburgh
Nadia Cummins
Kathy Williams
Rhiannon Raper
Jayne Nolan
Odette Valmas
Andrea Stephens
John Dash
Kathleen Gray

I love reading and would appreciate the removal of import restrictions so that I can afford to buy more books.

Loan Tran
Phyllis Richards
Chris Piesse
Peter Cos
Emma Wake
Fifi Kitching
Joshua Thompson
Minyi Yi

Books are the best thing in the world. Why wouldn't we want to be able to afford to buy more of them?!

Nicola Dawson
Rona Gurr
Christine Norris
Anne Murphy
Karin Trott
Sharon Jones
Mandy Glouer
Enid Marshall
Leticia Richards
Helen Leeder
Dharminidev Ranjit Kumar
Natasha Barison
Rachael Warner

Elaine Hopper

Cost of books is a hindrance to those who have smaller incomes in the effort to better themselves. This will help them to help themselves.
Books are a part of learning and development for people. Its a mode of knowledge building and intelligence. Reduced prices of books, means more people buying books and indirectly increasing the development of Australia. Therefore, I urge you to reduce the rates of the books.

Vineet Narayan
Jodie Ager
Geoffrey Properjohn
Stefanie Naylor
Cate McGowan
Betty Austin

Daniel Kerrie	Matthys Judge	
Jamie Joshua Heidi	Smith D'Souza Griffin	It is important for books to remain at reasonable prices. Knowledge shouldn't be hindered by financial factors
Christine Ruth Stephanie	Burton Johnson Terwindt	Cheaper books would encourage reading across the board in all age groups. Apart from the enjoyment of reading a good book, it keeps the mind alert and expands readers' knowledge generally. It also improves everyone's vocabulary which is no doubt beneficial.
Brian Dania Shelley Andriu Kho Yin Wendy Lee Casey Michelle Renee Stephen Angela	McGowan Warmerdam Lyons Dos Santos Go Dooley Bourdon Cesarin Williams O'Neill Wood Mcguckin	Over the years there have been too many excuses & vested interests to tackle this inequity! Now's the time to do so!
Dess	Gutierrez	As a person who loves reading books, I support the petition to remove the import restrictions so that we can save & pay for cheaper books. I urge the Australian Government to remove the restrictions. The cost of scholarly books has become impossible for the average person to buy on a regular basis (\$145 to \$795). The literacy level of the next generation is our responsibility. If prices keep going up, they like me will be unable to buy upto date books. We can only hope that 5-10yrs after publication they are of a price that is affordable. This situation is detrimental to keeping us Australians' at the cutting edge of knowledge!
Rose-lee	Power	I would like to be able to buy _____ if we can do it for CDs why not books, as long as all current rights are maintained.
Joan Steven Erin Susan Mimi Izak	Moir Mitchell Cummings Browne Hon Nieuwland	
Roslyn Robert Nik Amber	Curtin Searle Petrovski McGown-Rules	I am happy to put my name to this petition as I love reading and like to give books as gifts for family and friends, so cheaper books would be good. Thanks
Sergio Jennifer Maria David Lilisa Chi Yi Jassie Dan Dianna	Salib Lydon Kanellopoulos Nelson Chum Tran Sun Tunstall Konkuit Trenham	As a teacher and academic, I wholeheartedly support any measure that would ensure more Australian were able to access and purchase books cheaply.

Christine Maria Teagan	Morrissy Petalita West	Living here, books often save me from slow insanity! Please don't make them more difficult to buy for myself, my students and school library
Charlotte Joel Moir Justyn Wai Jennifer Alison Susan Jerome Nicole Maree Belinda Georgina Jenny	Fic Mummery Bell Bandt Boyle Yeung Shaw Carllin Bendel Adams Hearne Cormican Maroun Barwick Matthews	I'm a uni student and I love reading but just cant afford to buy many books! if the prices where lowered I would read a lot more! Every time I travel overseas I realise how we pay too much in Australia Great initiative, keep it up !!
Leanne Helen Lee	Burns Chapman Hamilton	I am a compulsive book collector and reader, lol. My collection grows every day I would be devastated if books rose in price any further!!!! As an author this will directly affect my business.
Sophie Jane	Donoghue Breslin	I love to read, and I wish I could buy more books. Unfortunately, I can't afford to buy every book I would like to read. I love the idea of libraries, but you unfortunately have to give the books back. It's ridiculous that Australians have to pay such inflated prices for books, and people try anything to get round it, even resorting to sites like amazon.com, tortuous as they are. Cheaper books would have massive benefits, both in terms of increasing accessibility to reading material, which can't be bad, and by stimulating the flailing economy. I love books, and I want to be able to buy them for a reasonable price. That isn't unreasonable.
Fiona Debbie Teresa Geraldine Deborah Hilde Salim Samira Kathryn Eileen Janette Karen Benedict	Mckenna Mcneil Higgins George Muddle Horemans Soukieh Khoury Lindsay McCauley Winter Adams Elliff King	I'm a Scot living in Australia and when I moved here 5 years ago I couldn't believe how prohibitively expensive books are here, particularly children's books. I'm an avid reader of all types of books and love to own books rather than borrow from a library but my book buying has, sadly, become a rare occasion rather than a frequent one.
Jennifer Kate Carol Rachele Lionel Lisa	Wang McMahon Hales Curnow Benstead Clout	I didn't know that the current laws restrict the import of certain book titles into Australia - i am very keen on diversity, and the government should be too.

After shopping on the Internet, I usually order my books from amazon.com because the local suppliers' prices are too high even when the books are warehoused locally. I prefer shopping with local suppliers but sometimes the price difference is just too great

Neville Duguid
James Lui
Glendon Wesley
Craig Goodwin
Clare Combey
John Malone

Tracey Marcelis

I support any effort that will result in books being cheaper. I am an avid reader and have shelves of books and would love it if it was less expensive to feed by addiction to books.

Any action that brings down the price of good quality reading should be applauded. Some books cost ridiculous prices and I've frequently wondered why the differences between costings when presentation looks quite similar. That the author continues to receive their copyright fee is as it should be. I believe the idea of restricting any change for 12 months is unnecessary and an unnecessary financial burden on the reader. In these days of instant gratification of the senses, reading should be encouraged by making participation in its treasures as cheap as possible while still respecting the authors rights. Thank you for the opportunity to air my comments

Mary Walsh
Catherine Borg

I think that at the moment most books are over priced and that they could easily be cheaper than what they currently are.

Louise Leclercq
Paul Tarkka
Le-anne Crutchett
Anne Heath
Chris Holmes
Anna Ross
Jodie Sellick
Catherine Percy
Lavinia Hampton
Janet Higham
Kevin Ta
Adele Amy
Maureen Ashby
Dorothy Archbold
Sharon Wood
Fiona Walker
Erica Pillera
Glenys Fawcett
Paul Richards
Marie Grech
Grace Bell
Mary Draper
Akhila Nagaraja
Ian Allen
Kate Mahoney
Nicole Parente
Rachael Humphries
Julie Green
Kendall Sinclair
Rowena Leung
Jess Wright
Jan Harmsen
Stephanie Grant
Rebecca Featonby

Cheaper books PLEASE!!! Let's keep reading.

Sandra Russo
Gabrielle Paul
Edina Parkes

I didn't realise that the importation of books were restricted. I whole heartily support Dymocks and any other seller of books who wish to have this restriction removed. It does not help lovers of books and in this age, we struggle with getting people to appreciate the beauty of books and having inflated prices does not help!! I am more than happy for my name to be used as an example of need be. I realise that giving the human touch in a submission can sometimes help. I can be contacted on 0407 454 404 or (07) 4982 0554. Cheers Rach

Rachel Mcdowall
Lenore Radonjic
Jake Hesson
Jodie Welch
Megan Thomas

I would rather spend my money knowing that some of it goes to employing Australians, than buying from Amazon.com where it all goes overseas!

Tamara Fyfe
Manmeet Singh
Natalia Poberezovska
Tom Reid
Michelle Berri Flood
Patricia Clear
Kay Joyce
Joanna Foti
PIA ELLIS
Darin Danker
Linda Byass
William Northey
Jeff Chandler
Anita Punj

There are many titles not available here in Australia, simply because our importers are not able to source them. If more books are available, at cheaper prices, people will read more (as mentioned in the email from Don Grover). Also, people will buy MORE books because they are more affordable and people are less hesitant about purchases if the costs are more reasonable. I love books, but unfortunately most of the time I have to wait until they go on sale (if ever) before buying them because the prices are so high!

Romina Cavagnola
Ian Whitford
Tahlia Stewart
Darren Pearce
Jo_Anne Watkins
Alexis Watson
Patricia La Manna
Cate Borness
Amanda Blinkhorn
Brooke Cain
Terri Smart
Gordon Steer
Mandy Mclean
Patricia Thompson
Jeanine Giorgi
Pauline Jones
Katherine Nielsen
Kim Hellard

Its about time we got a fair go with book prices!!!

I would welcome cheaper books!

Heather Camp

People want to broaden their mind by reading, or just to "get away from it all" for a little while by reading. Please reduce the cost of books to make this luxury easier to afford.

Colleen Jeffery-Court
Amanda Warren
Emma Lambe
Joy Saunders
Simone Bruce
Leigh Murrell
Patricia Alves

I support the coalition for cheaper books campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Wono Widijanto
Sarah Ward
Stephanie Hughes

With the advent of internet technology, the availability of reading without buying or owning books will be too attractive if books are not at a reasonable and accessible price for the learner and avid reader. The price should be as low as possible in the bookstores. Also they are easier to read in bed than the computer.

Jeanette Wilcox
Melanie Cox
Annona Pearse
Lina Wong
marian young
Matthew Westcott
Leanne Gomez
Kenneth Lau
Kimberley Glavinic
Graeme Wynne

The Australian Govt needs to get a clue. I purchase books from OSeas & have them couriered to my door for a cheaper price than I can buy them locally.

Elizabeth Maloney
Bronwyn Anderson
Sheree Munusami

I regularly travel to USA and buy many books as they are so much more affordable. It is time we had that luxury here

Sharon Karas
Peter Gorfine
Brod Lane
Kerri Anne E Hall
Tina Vidler
Catherine Hartley
Julie Medway
Melissa Uren
Melanie Legg
Kira Baddock

I will gladly give any further support that may be required to assist this important campaign.

David Cornforth
Stephanie Green
Altheah Sheldon
Leeanne Unsworth
Toni Pensa

I read/buy a lot of books from US - the reason I buy from Dymocks is because you are competitive on price and have a good range, if this changes Amazon would become my main source out of the US.

Anna Fergusson
Darryn Medjeri
Lilly Sorensen
Julian Coade
Alanna Newton

no more protectionism

Alex Burton

I would love to buy cheaper books locally and stop having to use Amazon to buy reasonably priced books from the UK & USA.

Judith Gordon

I have first-hand experience of how much cheaper books are in the UK, US and Canada and support changes that will result in cheaper books in Australia.

Katherine Grebneff
Diana Purvis-Smith
Tracey Phillips
Alison Short
Emma Roberts
Vikki Anderson
Cynthia Mahendran
Mia Bogunovic
Vikki Brereton

I agree with Dymocks Coalition for Cheaper books, why shouldn't the Australian market be more competitive?

Albert Sorrell
Rosemary van Hattem
Cheryl Thomas
Margaret Curr

Quite often it is cheaper to buy books overseas via the internet including postage costs. This was particularly so when the A\$ was in the US90 cents range.

Janice Nind
Vivian Lal
Vicky Mazzeo
Lilli Mader
Therese Duffy
Janice O'Brien
Wendy King
Julia Elkins

Books are an important part of learning and should not be costed out of the reach of those who wish to extend their knowledge.

Ian Graham
Fiona McKenzie
Peta-ann Petersen
Rachael Putt
Maureen Cummiskey
Nadine Morgan
Andrea Szabo
Armida Barberio
Kerry Alsford
Diana Ferrett

If paralled importation is not permitted then I shall continue to import books from the UK and US thereby taking money and possibly jobs from the Australian economy.

Michele Dombroski
Peter Brooker
Jenna Mc Alpin
Tina Frank
Kate Barnett
Debra Robinson
sylvia palmer
Kate Standing
Rebecca Higgins
Susan Urmston

I feel we are missing out on many titles which are freely wavailablwe overseas and so my reading is very restricted uness i send overseas for books I see on line. There are all those American and european authors whose books are never on the shelves. Reading is my passion but buying books is also getting out of my reach as I am on a restricted income now.

Terrific idea and a great way to get people reading even more!

Sheena Nadan
Robyn Glasby
Alice Basini
Helen Mizrahi
Margaret Rose

I am a teacher and I see how and know how vital books are for educational development. Reduce the price of books!

Cherilyn Cas-Lledo
Hugh Rose
Kim Smith
Michelle Collet
Maria Dimolianis
Ed Schalchlin
Robyn Madden
Michael Freame
Margaret Fooks
Shereen Lim
Robert Milroy
William Robertson
Cheyne Wright
Margaret Aherne

Dymocks should extend discounts to holders of Seniors Cards.

Go for it but PLEASE do not support the use of cheap crappy paper.

Interesting submission report - I agree - restrictions should be removed to allow a more open and fair 'global' market. I admit I have been guilty of purchasing books via Amazon at times simply because the price is much better than I can get in Australia (even with transport costs added onto purchase price) and the availability is high via this medium. If costs etc were lower in my own country which would appear would happen if restrictions were removed I'd spend my money more times in my own country and not someone elses

Wayne McCullough
Chloe Yuen
Peta McPherson
Catherine Hart
Megan Neal
Tony Newman
Cauvery Shambu K
Elspeth Bapton
Kristine Hertel
Penelope Utley
Laura G
Lynn Blom
Danielle Cerin
Tamara Doulgeris
Adranne Teh
Margaret Pham
Nancy Kha
Anke Snyman
Ken Warr
Tessa Urlwin

Remove import restrictions - this IS the 21st Century after all - Get with the program!!!!!!!!!!!!

Darryl Hen-Boisen
Michael Montuori

It's more important for us as a Nation to be reading rather than watching DVDs or listening to CDs, especially for our children. Lets make reading more affordable!!!! The Victorian Priemier has "reading challenge" for kids through schools. Even though they can borrow books from the library, wouldn't it be great to buy them and keep the economy going at the same time! Good Luck.

Kali Koukounaras
Damian Lazarus
Monalyn Sasam
Pramila Arumugam
Rosemary Slattery
Catriona Mulholland
Anna Smith
Shelley Cook
Sandi Donald
Suzanne Ardagh

Dominique Miller
Jennifer Tayler
Anita Matic
Alice Wu
Lorraine Wiseman
Gillian Jenkins
Emer Cremin
Melinda Dobson
Yuli Candiago
Sarah Jane Green
Kelly Favaloro
Lee Moore
Josephine Hogan

I support both Australian and overseas authors but find that my purchases are often limited because of the cost of books. I am a great reader and believe that if books were cheaper it would open the market up for those who have less disposable income than others. When overseas I am often surprised at how much cheaper books are.

Catriona Gorton
Vicki Cutt
Ilze Valikovs

If you want to stimulate the economy, encourage children to read and develop a 'smart' nation, remove these kinds of restrictions to make books cheaper. People will buy them, read them and everyone will feel the improvements in time.

Natalie Morgan
Nathan Jenner
Carol Koprivanac
Juanita Curtis
Peter Fey
Kristen O'Donnell
Merrill Moore
Sharon Gersbach
Anne Lipovic
Tracey Lawson
Felicity Rowe
Dayana Oesch
Greg Staines
Vickie Nguyen
Teresa Stewart
Candy Brumpton
Paula Rudman
Gracy Partosa

I strongly support this campaign for cheaper books.

Benjamin St Alder
Sue Clark
Graham Richardson
Paula Westlake
Danielle Griffith
Holly Playford
Andrew Tosti
Elena Branch
Jo Swift
Brenda Lister
Amber Sicha

I want cheaper books at competitive prices!!!

Edla Arzey

Bookshops are wonderful. Keep bookshops in Australia thriving. Keep our bookshops competitive by removing the import restrictions otherwise people will order books online from overseas outlets as they are cheaper even with the postage added.

Books are far too expensive under the present system. It means, for instance, that to buy required texts for my university course I have had to buy online from overseas suppliers. One text listed costs \$140.00 from the local supplier. I bought the same text online for \$30 including postage.

Margaret	Cockram
Lynette	Shelley
Terri	Arthur
Nola	Eaton
Sharon	Bryant
Angela	Anthony
Marilyn	Leidich

Anything to make books more accessible for everyone. Reading is important, and though libraries have their place, it doesn't compare to having your own books.

Tina	Carter
Janice	Jessup
Arthur Charles	Jessup
Erin	Buchanan

We need to have cheaper books in this country. As often as not I will buy books from Amazon because they are cheaper. When it comes to books, that just isn't right.

Cary	Forbes
Narelle	Williams
Christine	Lee
Christopher	Loye
Ann	Hayward
Phyllis	Luu
Anne	Mulready
Carmen	Barkell
Linda	Davis
Nicole	Ettridge
Carolyn	Brown
Anita	Mcgregor
Ian	New
Jan	Tyrrell

Books are for everybody, they are our education.

I totally agree books should be cheaper, as a teacher I try to encourage my children to read but parents tell me they can't afford to buy books for their children and going to a library is not always convenient. More and more I am finding my children turned off reading simply because they should be. I was in London recently and was amazed at the price of new releases. Needless to say I brought books, packaged them up and posted them back home and this was still cheaper than buying them here. The price of books here is shameful.

Rita	Renwick
Brad	Hill
Robyn	Green

We pay far too much for books - making one of the primary resources for learning, and one of Australia's favourite past times far more expensive than it needs to be. Making books less expensive in this country would stem the tide of people buying from overseas and help to retain Australian jobs.

Neal	Salan
Vicki	Geraghty
Elizabeth	de Blonk
Julie	Vu
Jean	Fenton
Diane	Glasgow
Vanessa	Robertson
Shannon	Ferguson
Kate	Stevenson
Phillipa	Hermann
Linda	Mills
Susan	Miller
Jane	Kearns

Samantha	Mowad	
Jacqueline	Corrin	
Pamela	MacFarling	At last!
Dirk	Elliott	It does not make sence we get out books from the UK, what ever happend to our printing industry in Australia, oh I mean Singapore?
Ian	Crosby	Very difficult to obtain US published books as our market is flooded with UK publications
Helen	Stafford-Osborne	
Malyna	Rooke	
Sarah	Cook	Many book sellers miss out on my business as I purchase them far more cheaply from Amazon or BOL.
Jennifer	Murko	
Ria	Vitug	
		Books contain information. Information leads to knowledge. Knowledge is the basis for understanding. Understanding is fundamental to peaceful co-existence. Books are where the whole process begins. A government who insists on keeping books too expensive for the many is guilty of a far greater crime than greed.
Maggie	Behal	
Belinda	Batten	
Steven	Park	
Dan	Ryan	
Mauro	Quadrelli	
Pat	Barrett	
Anne	Morton	
Cheyenne	Van Rooyen	
Wendy	Maccullagh	
Diana	Rutecki	
Jennifer	Geisler	
Juliet	Douglas	
Dominique	Taylor	
Michelle	Ricci-thimou	
Sharon	Todd	
Paul	Maybury	
Brigit	Cooper	
		I am increasingly buying books online from the USA. In fact the other day I bought an Australian author in hardback from the US cheaper than I could buy the paperback here, even taking into account shipping charges.
Jeff	Guy	
Lynette	Harland	
		The sooner books are more affordable for the ordinary people, the sooner this country's literacy levels will improve. There's got to be something good about that. Good for you.
Annette	Jones	
Gilda	Kerkin	
Jared	Graham-Evans	
Abi	Graham-Evans	
Alistair	Graham-Evans	
Sarah	Graham-Evans	
Alison	Pyper	I STRONGLY SUPPORT THIS
		I commend you for this. It is essential that books be available at reasonable, un-inflated prices if we wish our population to remain at least basically literate. Books have to be able to compete with the appalling English usage on the Internet - which comes at no cost to the reader, and is therefore at present far more attractive to youthful readers than any expensive book could be. Please help to make our new books cheaper!
Sheila	McLaren	
Ruyi	Yuan	
Tina	Tran	
Charlotte	Yo	

As a person on a pension I have to save for any books I want as they are too expensive to just buy when I see them. A system that drops the price of books without adversely affecting the authors would be very helpful to many book lovers.

Selina Taylor
Trevor Morrison
Christina Patra
Isobel Williams
Salma El Rakhawy
Louise Thompson
Sonya Chisari
Jade Paget
Mike Gaze
Kathryn Cameron
Dorothy Gawlik
Kara Ho
Pauline Tonkin
Rena Metaxas

cheaper books would be great thanks

Brenda Woollard
Sherilline Visitacion
Julie Robinson
Alastair Frith
Stephen Rokich
Stephanie Tea
Adeline Este Kintono
Kevin Nash
Warwick Mcfadden
Carol Jenkins
Carol Jenkins
Carol Perriam
Olga Gordon
Lisa Lawler
Patrick Hughes
Victoria Whitten
Kate Ambrose
Mervyn Piesse

Buy books in Ireland from relatives, and with special book postage, still cheaper in most cases than buying books here in WA

Stop illiteracy, Don't end up like the USA

Sally MacKay
Gayle Waldron
Yenny Tang
Shorna Pichugin
Silvia Aconi
Riam Nasir
Eleanor Lind
Bronwyn Thygesen
Kathryn McGuinness
Andrew Clarke

I love reading books and would really appreciate a cheaper price. Higher prices often prevent me from purchasing books.

Lyndal Morgan
Corrie Au
Gilly Guss
Tony Whysall
Joy Whysall
Warren Bracken

Books are an important part of life and is especially important in the development of children, I don't know where I would be without them, so with today's economic climate they should be as cheap as possible so people have easy access and they won't put food or other things before buying their children books. Books help children grow.

I would like to say not only as a booklover but as an employee of a Dymocks store I get a lot of complaints about our books prices compared to other stores. I understand that we are restricted and I think that a company like Dymocks (Aussie) should have every advantage possible.

Katrina Hepworth
Deidre Southam
Gene Guarin
Kevin Mullins
Natalie Willis
Pui Yee
Pamela Goodman
Rocelle Ago
Lucy Dharmawan
Sharon Wei

please dont let the price raise again..its already high enough for us to buy
If I can at the moment get a book cheaper and quicker buy ordering it over the net
and usually from the states I will, but I would much rather buy it here in aus and
supporting my country than sending my money over seas.

Tiphaine Wade
Julie Christmas

Inflate prices of books, then see who buys them! no one will buy books, therefore no
one will get any education...

Joshua Pickham
Anthony Duffield

Books should be at a reasonable price, so as to enable all member of the public, no
matter what their circumstances, be able to afford them. Being able to read, and read
well, is the key to the doorway to becoming a smarter more intelligent person. How
are we supposed to enable young people to open that door of their own accord when
the books they might like to pick up and develop their ability with are priced so as to
make the very notion of buying books unappealing and unattractive.

Tony Petkovski

There is no place in a modern global world for protectionism. If Australian publishers
are uncompetitive then they should become competitive, move their inefficient
activities overseas or be innovative and re-engineer their Australian activities so they
are competitive. It is one thing to protect against dumping from 3rd world countries
with cheap labor rate but a completely different matter to protect against first world
countries like USA and UK. If Australian publishers cant compete with USA or UK
publishers then they should not exist and certainly should not be protected by
legislation. All the best. I wish you all the best.

Doug Hall
Vivian Ta
Kim Mcminn
Helen Kayser
Salahudeen Hezbollah
Carmel Colborne
Angela Sumners
Kirsten Smith
Pia Manivong
Rosie Bates
Sabrina Mew
Michael Galbraith

We want our kids to have a good rounded education and that involves quite a bit of
reading of books of many types. These should always be available to all and sundry
and not priced out of reach of the poorer in our communities. I know I love my books
and it would hurt very much if I cannot afford to keep buying them once I retire due to
the fact that I have lost my income and they are too costly due to whatever reason.
PLEASE keep our books at an affordable cost for ALL.

Valmai Joyce
Maree Lau
Chris Bowman
Karen Moorman

The removal of this restrictive trade practice is long overdue.

Kathy	Villa	
		I think it's ridiculous that we are unnecessarily being forced to buy books at inflated prices on the pretext of supporting Australian authors and the publishing industry. As a book lover and regular book buyer (including on Amazon), I fully support this initiative of the Coalition.
Ramdas	Marar	Ramdas Marar
		Being a student, I can only buy cheaper books. This means that I spend more time flicking through books in the store rather than a straight purchase.
Janet Barbara Taikan Sondha Kimberly Robyn Laura	Hong Simpson Fujii Chatterji Bridge Gardiner Mannino	
Patricia	Suters	Let's remove the discrimination against self publishers as well. Can't wait for an ibook store. Reading should be about fun not about cost. I spent \$300 on my kids best choices at Dymocks. it (the expense) lasted 3 weeks. Why do we need to tax an essential part of learning? The more you read the more you learn. My son in Year 1 is reading level 18 which is what is expected by the END of YR 1. How? We encourage reading. HOW? Pick a book you think you would like to read... Why would you like to read this book?? Do You think you could understand this book? How do you think you understand this book??? Okay... You may now buy this book. I think so many parents forget the fundamentals of teaching reading. Step 1 is learn the words. Step 2 is Is ask what the word is. Step 3. Is ASKING if the CHILD has UNDERSTOOD WHAT THEY HAVE READ. If they they say YES you then need to ask them about the s
Simone Sean Peter Samantha Melissa	Lucas Rodden Chen Millhouse Schafferius	I am fully in support of a more competitive book industry in Australia.
		I would love for books to be cheaper and old stock books should be priced from \$3.00 to \$5.00 because then you would get more customers and the books will sell fast.
Nicole	Birt	
		The current restrictions on importation for booksellers encourage consumers to buy directly from overseas.
Kerry Eun Young	Davies Ha	
		To all at Dymocks, you have my whole-hearted support. Good luck with your campaign Paul Martin
Paul Alec James Edwa Karl Kim Judi Alan	Martin Hlustov Price Byrom Coates Heffernan Slater	
		YES I TOTALLY AGREE WITH THIS CAMPAIGN AND I HOPE THAT OTHERS WILL FOLLOW US. THANKYOU.....
Sue Vivienne Nhanou Janthy Christine Suzanne Krystyna Karem	Fritchley Hayle Sirois Budiono Parkes Hansford Pirnke Castro	
Judy	Goodson	I support the move as we should encourage people to read more , reduce costs of over inflated text books needed for tertiary education and make books in Australia cheaper but ensuring writers receive their rightful royalties.

I think that the inflated price of books due to government restrictions is totally unreasonable. The government wants to encourage literacy, especially amongst children, but makes it difficult for lower and middle income families to afford books. Although you can access books at libraries, it has been shown the families with little or no books at home have children with lower literacy rates.

Janna	Parr
Tammy	White
Linda	Walker
Nadene	Pettett
Elsa	Raubenheimer
Barrie	Little
Ryan	Johnson
John	Aspinall
Louis	Youssef
Dagmar	Marecek
joshua	Butt
Romola	Bucks
Tanvir	Kaur
Karla	Neeson
Ken	Pendergast
Elizabeth	Simpson
Ken	Pendergast
Andrea	Browning
Alan	Welch

good on ya dymocks

Books are a lifeline for many people, in all different walks of life, for many different reasons. They are a link and in their own way help us understand this very complicated world around us. Knowledge is understanding (hopefully) and a way of seeing/understanding things around us

Jacqueline M	Lenoir
Lee	Gillespie
Marisa	Delmoro
Tanya	Guidera
Allan	Gordon

When prices are higher, it is cheaper to buy books directly from overseas via internet orders. If the books were available here for cheaper, it would profit local bookstores.

Cara	Stevens
Mike	Fowlds
Phillip	Williams
Leigh	Marian
Elizabeth	Nguyen
Helene	Hayes
Bernadette	Mance
Tanya	McGill
Craig	Cashmore
Lee	Jiang
Tiarne	Williams
Tracy	Slater

I couldn't agree more, we need to encourage adults to read more.

What's wrong with the Government? In these "GFC" times, you'd think they'd be trying to keep prices down not artificially inflate them through archaic distribution/importation laws!!!

Peter	Kift
Josephine	Smith
Jo	Beeson
tabsheer	taksim
Jordan	Howell
Colleen	Reddy
Jo-Ann	Sim
Pauline	Leonard
Margaret	Broadfoot

CHEAPER BOOKS!!

thank you

Shirley Keryn Shan Ping	Wong Somerville Wu	Yea, bring down the prices....
		As a parent, if books were made more affordable then we would be more able to help in such an important part of learning, and, when sharing the reading experience from an early age, it is a totally invaluable asset for the rest of life. Let's get our priorities right. Books mean knowledge, learning and an enjoyment for life.
Hala Glenda Dale Mark B	Bereza Solta Phillips Knighton Gale	We love to read!
Debra	Hallett	Books should be cheaper enabling more to be bought and kept in homes for repeated reading. Everyone has the right to read what they want but that's not always possible unless books are affordable and are readily available to all.
Teresa Sera Eleonor Barbara Brett	Buchanan Minchin Niemiec Stewart Kaye	
Gary Hannah	Boyle Ogden	ANYTHING that encourages young Australians to read should not only be encouraged, but should be MANDATORY. COST is one such factor
		With the falling standard of literacy amongst children7 adults, the government should be encouraging the australian public to read books, not penalising them for purchasing books
Andrew Angelina	Bennett Morello	I often buy books online from Amazon.com and even after paying shipping fees, other duties AND the exchange rate differences, I can import those books cheaper than if I was to buy them locally here in Canberra. If the Federal Government REALLY want us to spend our \$\$\$'s here in Australia, they should start looking at pricing issues.
Pauline Triscia Hayley Erin Kylie John Cathie Deborah Julia Judith Arcadia Les Sarah Susan Kristine Chris Lijean	Burgher Thompson Le Latty Mulholland Knott Rose Heenan Hu Plowman Love Dawson Auld Robinson Burnes Nolen Beier	cheaper books will help more children learn to love books.
		Thanks :o)
Margaret Paul Marylin Danielle Geoffrey Alison Karla Reagan	Thompson Jones Meas Peppler Britton Hendry Flentge Manns	I work in a school library and some prices are out of this world compared with prices from overseas even allowing for the exchange rate....
		BOOKS NEED TO BE CHEAPER!!!!!!!

Aziyati Adnan
Amanda Bennett
Frances Turrisi

Even without the current global markets, I'm not willing to pay over \$30 for a paperback! That's a luxury and it's a shame that the public are getting priced out of reading and learning.

Susan Marstaeller
Claudia Payne
Tony Dobbs

about time! This will save me from having to order cheaper books online from Amazon.com

Susan Peach
Yerin Kang
Victoria Holland

Thank goodness for someone with common sense, maybe some of the books I purchase online from overseas might soon be purchased locally instead.

Monica Seet
Melissa Mcconnell

Life is hard enough to survive in & to be denied the opportunity to buy cheap books is a cruel act.

Robyn Turner
Andrea Ho
Kasandra Braddon
Melissa Schubert
Tim Stebbings
Jade Gillam
Jenny Chamberlain
Nehru Nixon Rai
Sonia Sheen Rai
Robyn Partridge
Wendy Sparkes
Naomi Nina Nainan

The price we pay for books & CD's compared with the USA (our daughter lives there and we are frequent travellers) does nothing to encourage keen readers & listeners buy new, past, interesting and unusual topic books, CD's & videos. This really is the backward country when NOT encouraging wide-ranging access to all forms of literature & music due to affordability.

Dale Burrows
joel eisner
joel eisner
Naomi Nina Nainan
Fiona Diaz
Litsa Koursaris

In the interests of furthering my childs education and extending his personal library I urge you to do all you can to bring us cheaper books. Thank you

Ann O' Dwyer
Elizabeth Dowd
Susan Walker
Lisa Webb

It is cheaper for me to buy books from Amazon in america and pay postage than to buy books in australia.

Simone Anderson-Clark
Angela Tang
Glenys Needham
Diana Fedele
Katerina Charlwood
Nadesan Surendran
Jane Spiers
Linda Njeri Waiyaki-Hinga
Vicky Kontogiorgis
Emma Burfurd
Jessica Yau
Porntip Prasertsuksom
Christopher Dimes

Dann Marian
Paul Wilson
Anne Mclennan
Annie Wu
Cynthia Tsang

I like to buy MANY books, but find them too expensive these days to be able to buy them direct from retail stores(Dymocks in particular). I'd like to see the prices drop a little, to be able to afford more :)

Lainie Mercieca
Lisa Hunt
Nancy Crollos
Annette Potter
Andrew Castle-Burns
Martine Walker
Katy Sarkis
Amy Napoli
Melissa King
Lydia Williams
Sue Cotterell
Gloria Pizzolitto
Son Huynh

Why not have cheaper books? We are helping young children's education. As a High Schooler myself I love to read and it increases my vocabulary but sometimes books are TOO dear.
Basic readers for children learning to read should not cost over \$9 for as little as 16 pages. How can we hope to assist our children when even schools have to pay these inflated prices.

Natasha Masters

Catherine Dickens
Rebekah Jung
Barbara Worner
Natalie Zai

Books should be cheaper to encourage and maintain a reading habit. Prices for books will be affected as more people move to online reading.

Joyce Cheam
Troy Walker
Mary Vella
Andrea Burt
Melissa Peterson
Helen Nguyen
carl kalman

cheaper books equals more readers

I am a pensioner and with the shortness of money, things like books which can occupy some of our slack time, need to be kept at the lowest price possible. Pensioners are missing out on so much; are we to lose the opportunity to read books also? Roger Wall

Roger Wall
Debra Glassford
Martina Koster
Francesca Newman
Michelle Waixel
Mike Larkin
Leo Duffy
Susan Mendyk
Reggie Ireland
Harmony - L Morton
Natasha Khatri
Ariadna Kiehn
Emma Linklater
Darren Blackley
Anita Ri Wong

So many people would be happier if the cost of buying books was reduced. Our family reads so many books but we have certainly cut back on our buying and browsing through our favourite book shops over the past few months. It is specially important that our grandchildren continue to have access to a variety of publications.

Thank you Wendy Gourlay

Eric Perrett
Dana Muskarovsky
Michael Brennan
Sandra Scammell
Danielle Bejr

why shouldnt we have cheaper books?

Amanda Manning

Books must be made more affordable so that all generations can continue to read or indeed start to read

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Lorien Loomes

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Angela Hamilton
Xin Sim
Dylan Miegel
Su Jin Park
Beth Vener
Stacey Payne
Jacque stone
Kelley Maguire

Well overdue. Overseas visitors to Australia are shocked at the prices of books here.

As a book lover I must insist that books stay at a reasonable price!

I'm very delighted that this petition has been made. I'm 18 years old and have loved books ever since I was a kid. I'm an Aussie who grew up in Lebanon and lived there for 14 years. There, the books (both international and national) were so cheap. When I came to Australia, I was shocked by the prices. What even let me down is that there weren't a lot of American and international books (and if existed, very expensive. I have the Harry Potter American Edition set and when I came I needed Deathly Hallows but didn't find the American version so I had to buy it from Lebanon...) So what your doing is much appreciated and will certainly make a difference for us all. Good luck Dymocks!!!!!! Thanks!

Rami Ibo
Claudia Liguori
Donna Anderson
Amy Hallett

Annette Dunn

I would buy twice as many books as I do now if they were cheaper. I can purchase books cheaper overseas than in Australia. Why should thy profit from this.

I have lived for a number of years in Poland, Germany and Australia and I am proud of my own selection of books in all three languages - but most of my books bought in Australia, were bought in second hand shops or on big SALES, as the prices for new books here are very high.

Marta Bielski
Bryony Wilkinson
Kate Golebiowska
Kerrie Emerton
Samantha Waters
Emily Hathaway
Tania Mason
Tania Mason
Lorie Cittadino
Erin Beilharz
Joan Houston
Anastasia Cox
Maya Issa
Shameeta Kuhadas
Chanette Valberg
David Webster

Lauren Cave
Emily Lapham
Lucy Do
Justin Fuller
Lesley Power
Aaron Hume
Lynette Cook
Rosemary Davey
Elissia Banfield
Terri Frost
Jaelle Brealey
Tina Tuthill
Tim Bishenden
Jacqueline Coupland
Elisabeth Kusilek
Kathryn Warren
Melanie Pascual
christine moon
Jocelyn Dyson
Gary Albery
Cherrie Stott
Kirsten Schroeder
Virg Summers

Cheaper books now!

I'm in wholehearted agreement to reduce the price of books in this country.

Get rid of these ridiculous restrictions

anything which makes books more affordable is a great idea...

Due to the high cost of books in Australia, I often find that I can purchase books overseas much cheaper than I can here. I would much rather support Australian book sellers than send my money overseas, but the cost difference is often quite substantial (between 20%-50% less), even once freight has been added. All the restrictive laws do is send \$AU overseas. I know many people who purchase books overseas who would much rather support Australian businesses - the choice is buy overseas, or don't buy at all! Best Regards.

Kelly-Ane Horne

I live on an old age pension and would be grateful if books were cheaper so that i could buy some

Carrick Henderson
Nicola Borkman
Tania Young
Pamela Morsby
Jo Low
Nadja Alterruthemeyer
Fiona Keniry
Laura Morwood
Fan Yang

it seems pointless to allow inflated prices in Asustalia when i can order the same titles from various reailers in the USA on-line at a lower price. The protection policy would seem to be well past it's use by date and should be removed or at the very lease reduced.

Leonard Ash
Emily Dawes
Susan Atkinson
Tania Rome
Jill Bough

the young kids in this generation will go stupid without books. who do you want running the country in 50 years?

Kerry Carless
Narelle Lewis
Rozlyn Olding
Dominique Scott
Teresa Turnbull
Sheryl Drew
Barbara Daniel
Sheila Brunskill

Leonie Keegan
Samantha Dyer

As a serious book lover, I would certainly appreciate any action that would reduce the cost of books while still maintaining the copyrights for the author.

Angelique Fransen
Carolyn June Riggall
Irena Wood
Megan O'Hara
Derelle Young
Ian Sharples
Susan Stephens

Book prices here are crazy. I have recently moved back from living in the UK for 5 years and was absolutely shocked at the high prices in comparison to what I could buy books for in London. I buy less books now simply because I can't afford them. Well done Dymocks for trying to do something about it.

Lisa McLaren
Fatima Waniya
Kay Grimsley
Hannah Park

Anything that makes books more readily available will help increase literacy standards

Elizabeth Harrison
Megan Voss
Fiona Waugh
Margaret Adam
Pamela Gaskell

The price of books is preventing access to them by a large proportion of the population. The budgets of school libraries in state schools are limited as are those of community libraries - access to a wide range of books should be encouraged by all governments for the betterment of all members of the community. Educational textbooks also can't be bought by all students as many are just too expensive.

Lorraine Ann Caldwell
Rob Procter
Sheree Emmelhainz

i frequently buy books from overseas bookstores to get a better price. Books should be as affordable as possible for the general public as knowledge is necessary to keep this country progressing.

Christine Parker
Maree Marbach
Vesna Ristevska
Jacqueline Kennedy
Sarah Tu

The prices of many books makes them restrictive for people such as us who are on limited incomes (pensions) So long as Royalties etc are honoured then to remove such restrictions you describe can only be good for both reader and author. good luck Judi F.

Judi Francis
Bronwen Knox

Dude, seriously, cheaper books is the first step in having a more educated society - and hopefully as a result a more informed and tolerant one. Such an important step in the evolution of attitudes in this country, so please step up!

Rebecca Van-hek
Shauna O'Meara
Jessica Cook
Jasmine Stewart
Susan Mason

Although a lot of Australians have access to books through their local libraries there are a great many australians who do not live with this access the cost of books today severely restricts their ability to enjoy this past time.

Judith Zahn
Karl Briedis
Jim Ellis
Kelsey Haskell
Pamela Beadle
Kent Allison

Natalie Gahan
Christopher Dainis

Natasha Cleary
Roy Boland
Colleen Soper
Jenny Qiao
Alannah Macleod
Andrew Funnell
Richard Green
Pamela Koehne-Drube
Ruo Huang
Frances Malloch

i want cheeper books i buy them every week and its starting to to cost too much

We need to encourage people from all walks of life to read, reading is the best source of information and enjoyment for both adults and children. It is also a basic educational skill which improves advancement in life. It would enable lower income families to be able to afford books for their children and themselves.

Deborah Martelli
Allen Collins
Jessica Scotford
Lynette Tjie
Kathia Lin
Tito Regalado
Lisa Eldridge
Mike Macdonald
David Evans
Marina Arrebola
Randall Yates

As a regular book buyer I support this campaign whole-heartedly!

Alison Read
Yvette Le'Nepveu
Jean Lingwood
Michelle Cheung
Shona Sherwin
Maria Furjanic

Less expensive books are a must to keep the population reading and children being read to.

Jacob Vermeulen
Caitlin Rayner
Paul Michalak
Jessica Cao
Alison Nicol
James Doolan
Julie Turner

My wife and I read many books, and try to purchase a lot of new books but find this enjoyable experience becoming too expensive. Further more because of the Internet we see the same books overseas cheaper and not available in Australia. We now have to use the services of the second hand book stores which doesn't please us because of health issues my wife has gone though the breast cancer journey and is very sensitive on health issues. Jacob

Victoria Lamond
Helen Lenehan
Cigi Curmi
Jane Curran
Robyn Bartilomo
Emma Taylor
Hieu Trung Nguyen
Marilyn Callaghan

Cheaper books would be awesome. I usually buy dvd's instead of books because they are so much cheaper and I would love to be able to buy books at more affordable prices.

As a reader and buyer of books, I really hope you are successful with this.

Olivia Pigeot
Vicki Harvey
Mary-Ann Pham
Jo Dennis
Krishnakumar Pillai
Cleo Rowley
Jessie Gladman

Denise Aitken
Kia Pedersen

Andrew Wilson
Lindsay Jones
Olivia Walker
Tansy Wood
Marcelle Khoury
Denise Warren

Pieter Matthew
Elizabeth Higgins
Emily Sisson
Lorraine Weaver
Alice Brennan
Murray Coffey
Annely Clegg
Katie Yeats
Shelley Napper
Amanda Richmond
Amelia Romaniuk
Cheryl le ROUX
Kate Baumann
Shu-Ren Lawrence
Vesna Liso
Saadia Malak
Robyn Sartori
Olivia Wenholz
Jennifer Mason
Dannielle Brand
Jodie Sauvage
Priscilla Le
Rhen Irwan
Nicola Ginger
Halie Ryan
Giulia Roiter
Jennifer Place
Kevin Munro
Debbie Young
Tracie Schollum
Alessandra Baskin
Sabrina La Rocca
Luke Hands
Hyeon Jeong Min
Ncole Roslon
Hazel Boaler
Glenn Cogar
Peta Green

I have a child who is a bookworm, tough economic times means less books.
Cheaper books will be very welcome

I think that this is well overdue and I know that some companies currently bring in
remainders from other countries which means authors don't get their due. This
would help to remedy the situation for authors Thanks

Kevin Rudd is not to be trusted. He is a two faced, sneaky ,lying ,egotistical
megolomaniac, and the truth will be outed about him sooner or later.

Good Luck..=)

I bought a book this week. if they we're cheaper i'd definately buy more!

cheaper books Please

Teresa Yu
Antony Stockwell
May Wee
Deanne McAdam
Sue Khoo
Lindy Henderson
Herbert Klein

Come on people.....the best books come from overseas!!

Yes I and my family do fully support the "Coalition for Cheaper Books" and congratulate you for giving us, the public, the opportunity to support your initiative. Thankyou DYMOCKS!!!

Remo Sica
Sharon Williams
Melissa Freeburn
Fiona Manning
Marita Rees
Marianne Piekala-fletcher
Jessica Toombs
Natasha Nguyen
Sepideh Farzam
Melanie Arandjelovic
Ashley Jackson
Paul Lloyd

I did not realise there were any such restrictions on the importing of books to this country; thankyou Dymocks, for letting me and others know. Thankyou also for campaigning to get rid of such an outrageous situation. Books are a very important part of our continual education as adults both professionally and from a personal development.

Aniko Rosewood
Evelina North-Coombes
Jade-alise Swarbrick
Patricia Ricci
Linh Lam
Barbara Cox
Janneke Gardner
Kendall Simson
Rhonda Monaco
Harrison Hedges
Denise Pedlar
Teresa Martorana
Mark Sander
Clarissa Lin
Kirrily Baker
Carlin Shelton
Nicole Bolte
Dylan Shelton
Isabelle Diaz
Helen Sarlas
Rhiannon Shelton
Stephen Shelton
Dwight Blackburn
Amanda Blackburn
Marina Shelton

Reading should be a right, not a privilege!
100% support this action
so more people buy them

Robert Van Der Beeke
Cheryl Collins

I'm reluctant to buy books because of the expense. While writers shouldn't be disadvantaged, books should be cheaper and certainly i would buy more if this was so.

Graeme Hill
Graham Chapman

I rarely now purchase books since the cost is prohibitive. It has been proven that removing price controls on books leads to larger sales volumes. Why can't we have freedom of choice here ?

Having moved from the UK to Australia, I am appalled by the cost of books here in Australia. In many cases it has been cheaper for my English relatives to buy books for me there, and then bring them over to me as gifts, or post them to me. I would welcome any sanction that removes the restrictions causing inflated book prices in Australia.

Sophie Macdonald
Tina Ravenwood
Lynne Ellery
Sue McLeod
Amy Bowman
melanie Whittle
Karen Swindail
Jolan Bogsanyi
Marianne Nicholson
Sissy Ji
Margaret Luck

Good luck with your endeavour....I can't wait for books to be cheaper....
I want books to be a staple of my diet, not an occasional luxury!

Greg Shanley
Jacky Brogan
David Staples
Miriam Goode
Darryl Fitzgerald
Denise Salkeld
Alison Cox
Melissa Tran

This initiative is long overdue.
Support literacy, and creativity - don't provide more reason for the general public to reduce any chance they have to explore such worlds

We struggle to purchase good books for our three children (aged 12, 14 and 16 yrs). The cost is prohibitive. If we buy a book for one child then, fairly, we should buy one for all but this is so difficult that often we decide not to purchase any!! If the books were cheaper we would be purchasing them all the time as the children love to read and reading is a skill we should always encourage. It expands their minds and vocabularies. It promotes discussion and encourages imagination.

Janelle Stevens
Kim Mika
Elena Chepournikh
Dianne Sebo
Amber Forrester

Books if an avid reader are expensive enough so of course I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books

Maureen Steele
Daniel Rubic
Donald Davis
Peter Mackerracher
Gwen Warren

Books in Australia cost far too much as it is today. I support this petition to at least maintain the status quo.

Julie Haw
Cecilia Li
Dale ahern
Neil Hawkins
Amy Roberts
Jeanette Lloyd
Irene Kuek
Lori Johnson
Prue Brooks
Lauren Clear
Teresa Slowik
Lauren Simonson
Margaret Dunn

I back you all the way
I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Janice Stewart

Beryl	Delaney
Imma	Sugani
Bianca	Flatman
Joanne	Geaitani
Helen	Quantock
Chantel	Weerasekera
Megan	Grierson

I cannot believe the price of books here in WA. So expensive. Please remove all restrictions on importing books and make it affordable for all Australians. I find it cheaper to have a book sent to me from a friend in the UK than to buy it here.

Mary	Lynch
Nicole	French
Jeanette	Brown
Alesha	Vassallo
Tricia	Case
Eddie	Lees
Jeffrey	Brond
Amy-Ann	Upton
Laura	Bee
Michelle	Gosatti
Emily	Sherry
Sean	McDermott
Ainsley	McDermott
Chelsea	McDermott
Kathryn	Taylor
Maria	Brown
Mitchell	Crouch
Fabienne	Burns
Sylvia	Jamieson
Kristy	Tiberi
Michelle	Pazdzierski
Laura	Cottrill
Jiyeon	Kim
Melanie	McLeod
Faye	Bowman
Christine	Walker
Callum	Oldfield
Robert	Templeton
Amy	Taylor
Denise	Covington
Anthony	Winter
Samantha	Marshall
Catherine	Murdoch

Yay for cheaper books!
i just hope the customers get to see the difference in price

Mavis Ann	Moore
Rosemary	Mckay
Leanne	Bartlett
Tina	Edwards
Regina Mary	Thompson
Kaye	Eastwood

I would love to buy cheaper books. I would probably buy more if they were cheaper. I often order books from overseas as they are cheaper even with postage therefore I support the Coalition for cheaper books campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation
free the books - if it can be done with cd's why not books

Abigail	kimble
Frank	Deans
Kym	Connell
Domingo	Sales

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Jessica Yu
Joanna Yu
Adele Casson
Lauren Wood

Angela Mccarthy
Jean Wallace
Christine Raines
Mckenzie Wood-rich
Craig Walker
Kate Holden
Rebecca Berthold
Mark Hamersma
Jade Foo
Jacqueline Fahy

I support the coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Free market principles must apply !!

This is a great idea so many unprivileged people need books for education and the rest of the community need books too. Books are my life and everyone should get a fair opportunity to read and expand their knowledge. Brilliant idea

I support any opportunity to make books cheaper being bought into Australia.
Make books cheaper

Tiana Musial
Sean Darby
Jayson Nooy
Susan Bowles
Leonie Greenwood
Ana - Marie Katalinic
Ian McIntosh
Emma Osborne
Michelle Igoe
Kirsty Cukela

What a great idea!

How dare they.....!

Jennifer Walker
Bianca Cowie
Susan Duong

We are a family of readers. Books should not be priced as luxuries. Then people can't afford to know about the myriad wonders in books and the world.

Books have long been overpriced and overinflated within Australia and it is about time we had a fairer system in place. I support this campaign as it not only looks out for the best interests of buyers, but it also protects the rights of authors and those who hold copyright. I tend to buy most of my books from overseas lately due to high domestic prices.

Edward Kent
Janelle Twaddle
Fay Bradshaw
Erin Renwick
Mark Stiffle
Tammy Teplyj
Raine Buckley
Ray Lemaire
Natalie Rigney
Chris Powell
Sophie Greenway
Deena White

Books should be available to everyone at the lowest possible price.

Saira Ebrahim
John Schulstad
Christopher Driscoll

Making books more affordable, encourages literacy across the entire population.
Cheaper books will mean a better educated Nation

Jill Penny

I think the price and range of availability of books in this country is disgusting. In my mind there should be no GST either.

Sharon Argent
Jacquelyn Beggs

If you want to encourage reading, lower the cost so it is a affordable pursuit for all.

For example, we have the Premier's Reading Challenge in NSW to encourage children to read but often the books are too expensive for children in disadvantaged areas to purchase. The children may like a specific author they have read and want to buy his/her book but can't because of the price. I, as an adult will not buy a book because of the price. I will either wait for it to be discounted or be purchased by my local library.

Carolyn Wildman
Kelly Wai
Kay Dalton
Adriana Lindsay
Nancy Pham
Yvonne Richards
Ian Williams

First thing: Get my name right...is that so difficult Second thing: No ! I do not agree that Dymocks should be able to bypass the local wholesalers of books in Australia...these are Australian jobs you are attempting to destroy and Australian workers you are attempting to put out on the streets. I know a couple of Dymocks employees and they think that the proposers of this idea are unAustralian and should be run out of the country. If you succeed in getting all products imported and Australians replaced by poorly-paid overseas workers then who will pay your (probably) inflated wages.....Terry O'Toole

Terence O'toole
Peter Dinham
Margaret McCluskey
Lucija Obilinovic

Yes, I agree to your Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. I hope that ultimately we can purchase really cheaper books as these are available in other countries. We, as the Australian consumers/readers have been deprived for decades!!!

Huey Law
Marcel dominique
Frank Kristen
Christine Kulper
Kim Muehlbauer
Jessica Read-Smith
Margaret Sharpe
Suzanne Peters
Tanya Klaric
Katrina Liddell
Bobby Arvanitakis
Trudy Sutton
Cathy Tiberio
Bill McAdam
Melville Jaques
Amy Williams

The same expectations should hold for books or cd

Wendy Whitham
Aziah Williamson
Kaye Sheppard

I would not expect my demand for Australian books, ie books by Australian authors, to be affected by a reduction in the price of imported books. My overall consumption of books would increase. Books have become more expensive in recent years, and any decrease in price would be very welcome.

Colin Webb
Jenny Bishop

Currently, the only way to buy books at internationally-competitive prices is from overseas sellers - generally over the Internet. None of the money generated by this means is benefiting any person or organisation in Australia. Cheaper books from Australian retailers will generate profits for Australian companies, boost jobs in book retailing and give an incentive to younger Australians to read more - thereby helping to improve literacy. I wholeheartedly support and endorse the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign. Colin Webb

Claire	Murphy	
Alysha	Davidson	
Robert	Willett	
Lisa	Jong	
Linda	Jones	
Coby	Law	
Ian	Shatwell	
Joshua	Foster	Please make books cheaper :)
Joanne	Higgs	
Catherine	Lai	
Emily	Coffey	
Cara	Henderson	
Graham	Lomas	I agree that books should be cheaper also cd and dvds as well
Stephen	Williams	
Emily	Fletcher	
Kathryn	Dean	
Peter John	Farry	
Christina	Lee	
Ananda	Disanayake	I'm Thankful that Dymocks has taken the initiative. I support this proposal.
Madeleine	Welsh	
Maria	Pavlou	Books are a means to education and enjoyment. This should be available at a resonable cost to everyone.
Roslyn	Shardlow	
Julie	Rose	
Sarah	Harris	
Antonia	Fenech	I totally agree with you, I love reading but the price does tend to stop me quite a bit, which is a shame as I use to buy a lot of books as gifts as well.
Sue	Hanrahan	
Donna	Neilson	I would read more books if they didn't cost so much. As it is, I trade my books with neighbours and friends so that none of us has to spend as much. Also, on occasions when I visit the US, I always buy books there as they are so much cheaper. I would prefer to spend my dollars here and support Australian shops.
Malcolm J	Binnie	
Bryony	Dwyer	
Stanley	Walters	I totally agree....I've purchased many books over the years including academic books and feel that the prices have been inflated a great deal. It is time for a reduction....
Kylie	Lowe	
Faye	Brown	
Beth	Allison	
Megan	Raison	
Jackie	Nichol	books are about literacy, learning, thinking and leading from these is growth and development- things this government should want from the electorate! keep the prices down, and you keep us all reading please.
Natalie	McVean	
Owen	.Davies	
Pam	Turnbull	
Melanie	Parkinson	
Gabrielle	Hardy	
Davette	Sawicki	
Marlene	Benson	My grandchildren love reading books and they are given books as presents every year. I feel that they will be disadvantaged if the Australian Government goes through with what they are proposing. They are the next Generation and we do not want illiteracy.
Josh	Sorensen	cheap books are awesome!! =)
Audrey	Heycox	It appears that the change you seek is past due. AH
Eshkar	Adato	

Katrina Julie Anne	Livanes Ricketts	
		I will buy books online to get cheaper prices and that is taking the money out of Australia. Wouldnt it be better to buy here and spend our money in Australia than overseas Karen
Karen David Amie Jeanette Jeanette Michael Tanya Anne Lyn Ann Nicole Michael Karen	Ritchie Mackie Roberts Bailey Abrams Brackstone Roddan Forrester Godfrey Papandrea Guse Leitch Smith	Bleeding obvious! Cheaper Books Campaign.....it's about time!
Emma Samantha Murphy Julie Erin Barbara Sophia Kay Steven	Chau Taylor Hocking Traynor Choi Ranshaw Lowcock Grimley Brown	If books were set at a cheaper price I might find myself in book stores more often than occasionally once a month or two. no CHEAPER BOOKS FOR ALL!!!
		I would love to see us getting cheaper books in Australia. I would also hope that opening the market will mean that we'll get books that are published in the UK and US available here - several of the authors I like are not available in Australia or if they are available the books are published up to 9 months after they available overseas.
Alanna Margaret Dianne Wendy Vicky Michelle Amanda Dianne Jeannine Barbara Charles Hilda Zelia Dianne Jane	Sutcliffe Marks Pert Wenzel Judd Proudman Metcalf Brooks Borenstein Cameron Dalrymple Ballesteros White Taylor Maginnity	I can be contacted on 03 - 96551312 for verification - if needed 25% of my books i order online from the USA to get them 6 months early...
Belinda Jenny Luisa Mary Jennifer Belinda	Henry Currell Caporale Day Pincock Wong	Cheaper books will lead to greater readership and literacy - very important in these days of computer games etc.
Tanya Sabrina Ingrid	Chapman Wang Postema	Like in many other civilized countries, our books should be priced affordably, i.e cheaper than our current prices.

Rebecca	Ballard	Books are dear enough as it is. We want people to read and be "educated".how about we make it easier? This move would help keep our dollars in Australia. I know of many people who get books from Amazon instead of buying locally if a book is either unavailable here or even cheaper.
Sarah	Peachey	
Angelina	Matthews	
Bronwyn	Reid	
Karen	Ibbotson	
Ulla	Hawkins	
Kerrie	Khouoeir	
Jessica	Dawson	
Vanessa	Tran	
Humphreys	Gay	
Anna	Ly	
Nathan	Pye	
Emma	Sleeman	
Anna	Ly	
Andy	Trigger	
Judy	Tanner	
Natalie	Elhassan	
Lisa	Forrest	
Patricia Mari	Rowell	
Nadia	Holding	
Kylie	Hyland-Ward	
Susan	Devine	
Maddie	Rae	
Darren	Mcdonald	
Robert	Keed	
Lucia	Charles	
Samantha	Tweedie	
Carolyn	Threfall	
Lenore	Davies	
Barbara	Travis	
Sing-tai	Mok	
Heather	Knight	
Sophie	Bolger	Cheaper books means wider reading. Sometimes I am restricted to certain genres or older release books purely because they are cheaper. Bring on cheaper books! As long as authors will still get royalties (which they will) then the import restrictions should be removed, thus allowing us, the public, to purchase books at a lower price, particularly in these bad economic times. As a pensioner, it is hard to find money for books and removing these restrictions will help the pensioners.
Helen	Waldby	
Julie	Pace	
Jill	Askew	
Ion	Safta	
William	Kennelly	Parallel importing is definitely required to keep the prices of books down. It is time that the publishers price segmented the market. Books in India are much cheaper than in Australia for this reason. Secondly inflation re book prices has been much higher than for other goods. For computers, for example, prices have fallen. Much more transparency is required.
Bala	Chettur	
Lauren	Connors	
Geoff	Isaac	As an ardent reader and researcher of information biographical and historical nature, I lend my support to the Coalition for Cheaper Books Campaign.

Books are the frontline weapons in the battle against mind-numbing violence as shown in video games and television shows. We are deliberately stunting the growth of our children today by keeping the price of a good book higher than that of the average child's pocket money. And when they look to the libraries for borrowing them, they find that they have to wait longer for the latest book release due to the library's limited budget being stretched by an unfairly inflated cost and that other people have reserved the book before them. Most books stocked are from overseas anyway - why should the Australian distributors have all the bargaining chips? The Australian government claims that they want a more open market, more 'free trade' and suchlike - so here's a good place to start - let's m

Stephanie Stidolph
Aerhyllie Velsco
Jenny Boersma
Donna Phan
Anna Borella
Perry Lennon
Jan Kilgour
Diane Smith
Sharon Newick
Will Mckenzie

When I first moved to Australia I was shocked by the price of books. Consequently I buy most of my books from amazon in the US or when I'm overseas. In this global world having inflated prices encourages people to buy overseas instead of in Australia.

Natalie Pomerleau
Shazar Robinson
Angela Buchanan
Danielle Gorrie
Janel Mustafa
Shane Tipping
Robert Lewis
Natalie Keyte
Eve Upperton
Marina Sparkes
Gail Docherty
Alicia Lou

i want cheaper books :)

I no long live there but still am a book lover

People are buying offshore/via the internet. This loses jobs in Australia.

The need is urgent

I support any initiative that will open up the current book market and result in cheaper prices for consumers. Those of us involved in business have had to compete in increasingly free and competitive markets why should publishers agents and importers be exempt from what are accepted market conditions.

Peter Fraser
Teena West
Amy Purser

I am a poor elderly disabled pensioner and being able to afford a book on a pension is very hard. Anything that would make them more accessible would be a god-send

Suzanne Saunders
Christine Diamond
Melissa Williams
Joanna Murphy
Kia-Jay Karauria
Megan Kellar
Jodie Simnett
Judy Hynam
Susan Campos
Vicky Lau
Gordon Myall
Magdalena Kaczmarska

Education and knowledge originate often from reading books. Make it easier.

I hope that this works out as I buy a lot of books, so this would make things so much better for the consumers

Kim Baillie

Helen Harvey
Pamela Masters
Barbara Clement
Glenys Rae Bauk
Quang Thai
Linda Locke
Bryan Toms
Sandi Grylls
Margaret Jones
Valerie Evans
Natalie Moore

I support the Coalition for cheaper books campaign. Thank you for your email

Margaret Thomas

As a pensioner I find I am now unable to allocate any funds for the purchase of a book - which was my only pleasure. Food and bills take all of my income and I can only now afford to borrow books from a library or friend. Please remove the restrictions on parallel importation so that once a year I may purchase a present for myself on my birthday or Xmas.

It is so important for me and my family to encourage each other to read. I am fortunate that both of my children love to read. But it is so true that because of the cost of books I often have to refrain from purchasing the books we all want to read which is disheartening. Dymocks is my favourite book store, great range, layout & very helpful, caring staff. If books were less expensive I am sure we would see more minds expanding & a more enlightened future for our children. I am grateful for the knowledge of what is happening & the opportunity to respond & participate in such a worthwhile cause. Thankyou!

Di Howlett
Fatma Yildirim
Amanda Magnussen
Cath Ertler
Rachael - Ar Burgin
Edda Flaskis

The government tells us an educated population is one of the drivers of a productive economy, yet the price of many books, particularly non fiction, technically oriented publications, is out of reach of most book purchasers. Please make books more accessible to EVERYONE...

Eamon Fenwick
Nicole Turich
Karen Pritchard
Amy Tahere
Lisa Conte
Margaret Wood

Ed Elliff
Nigel De Bussy

If it's not adding value, it shouldn't add to our cost structure. I support this petition.

Janet Goodman
David Johnson
Aidan Mankofski
Jessica Woollams

Being a constant traveller throughout the world I am always amazed at how inexpensive books are compared to what I pay in Australia - therefore I quite often buy books when overseas and therefore deny an Australian bookseller the benefit!

I totally agree with the proposal!

I belong to a Book Club and we buy about a hundred books between the lot of us each year. It is beginning to be a struggle to continue to do this at a price we can all afford - yet we are continually amazed at how much cheaper books are overseas. Books are not a luxury item and the steeper prices in Australia must be tough on writers as well as readers.

Judith Love

Support cheaper books so that more children may be encouraged to pursue a life-long passion for reading.

Lauren Conron
Veronica Allen

I DO NOT support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign. I want the Parallel Importation rules to stay the same. The suggestion that prices for Australian books will fall if importation restrictions are changed is false -- what you'll be doing is tearing out the heart of a local industry and damaging the livelihoods of Australian writers. Shame on you, Dymocks. I'll be spending my AUSTRALIAN dollars with a bookshop that supports AUSTRALIAN publishers and writers.
Cheaper books please!!!

Kirsty Wilson
Kate Kelly
Chris Welch

Any thing to improve literacy and make books more affordable should be supported 100% by the Australian Government. Books are a truly incredible investment and should be enjoyed by all.

Nikki Paterson

The current restricted import system supports a monopoly of sorts and encourages "price fixing" - other businesses aren't allowed to engage in such practices.

Estelle Rogers
Michelle Stromberg
Pat Smith
Robynne Cagney
Elaine Peaston
Angie Natalia
Dr Keith D Reeve AM
Lindsay Luck
Tamsyn Chaldecott
Kelly Cornwell
Lynnette Rosam
Rebecca Newman
Emily McCloy
Susan Joyce
Pauline Winmill
Irene Chidlow
Jessica Matta
Caitlin Pugh
Ima Fake
Michelle Gellender
Matthew Chidlow
Lorna Heffernan
Catriona McPhee
Kerry Richardson
Deborah Meyer
Kerrie O'Brien
Kerry Allen
LAURA CORR
Joanna Stanion
Melanie Wilson
C Tran
Janice Ryan
Jose Corado

My husband and I love books, and have a small library in our home. But with rising costs of living, books are getting a backseat. We do support the Coalition for Cheaper Books. Thank you.

Michelle Ann Ortega
Helen Moore
Nikole Tarver
Elizabeth Evatt
Greta Jelsma
Kym Westwood
Sue Janks
Terry Wyborn

Annie Avramidis
Pauline Dixon

Katie Painter
Barbara Giles
Kelly Townsend
John Tamplin
Anne Smart
Coralia Cortez-clark
Michelle Ritchie

Please make books cheaper! I would buy so many, instead of buying a book as a treat!

Philippa Robertson

Existing restrictions discriminat against Australian readers and booksellers and are, regretablely, in favour of offshore book distributors. This is unacceptable and has been for far too long.

John Baro
John Clarke
Emmeline Lee

I Regularly buy books from overseas because even with shipping they work out cheaper than we're able to purchase them here.

Katherine Lammers
John Baro
Rosemary Drane
Gaby Moore
Ashnita Rozario
Jessica Andrade
Lea Marlow

Its very frustrating when you know the books are retailing for only 5 or 6 US dollars, and we are paying 24 for a paperback.

Vanessa Huybrechts
Jay Maliphant

I am from the UK and have lived in Australia for nearly 6 years now. However I rarely buy books in Australia as I have always found them outrageously expensive compared to in the UK. I always stock up when I go home, generally buying the 3 for 2 deals at the ariport bookshops and then lugging them back with me on the plane. It would be great not to have to do that in the future, or to be able to buy a book here and not begrduge the amount I am paying for it!

Gwen Green
Cat Ryan
Lynne Hughes
Graeme Garrett
Ch'Kara Silverwolf
Kerry Bickerton
Kathryn Broadley
Sophie Alexander
Donelle Marcar
Angela Fitzgibbon
Assunta Scarfo
Elana Huthnance
Paula Morgan
Sharon Williams
Tram Nguyen
Jeanette Donaldson

Unlike a lot of young people, older people like to read but with the cost of books in recent years our only options are to either go to a library or a 2nd hand book store

Diana La

In Japan and Hong Kong the books are unbelievably cheap- it isn't hard to find a bookshop with thousands of brand new books that cost only 700 yen, which is about \$12. I would really like to own more books that are more affordable, rather than borrow from the library as I'd like to pass these to other family members. E-Books don't work because we all love the touch and convenience of a reading without using technology. I hope this campaign succeeds in helping my book purchasing power.

Jocelyn Corcoran
Krysta Somerfield
Dang Nguyen
David Fairley
Linda Herbison
Scott Becker
Emily Micalizzi
Bronwyn Turner
Nick Webster
Velinda Soetirta
John Young
Eva Wen
Jennifer Webster
Marion Powall
Ellen Mcilwain

The price of books definitely does affect peoples ability to afford information. Help people to access books to learn more and also to be entertained by lowering the cost of books.

Frances Hart
Jane Banbury
Elma Muratovic
Erin Dunn
Kerry Tallis
Catherine Deany
Kori Taylor
Julia Smith

Its unfair to local book sellers that they must pay more for books that the consumer can purchase online. How is Australian business supposed to succeed with there is no way they can match on-line pricing?

Yvonne Kirk
Nicola sheridan

To compete for our attention, especially for young people and children, cheaper books will assist in keeping curiosity alive and intellect evolving progressively forward in stead of the instant gratification of the internet pushing parts of our brains further into atrophy.

Nancy Anastasios
Lauren Davis
Janine Banks

I am an avid book reader, only 19 years old. But I can't afford to buy new books anymore.

Amanda Lees
Kathy Drew
Rob Sanders

The Productivity Commission and the Australian Government should strongly consider the benefits to Australian book consumers and booksellers of the removal of restrictions on parallel importation, including for the first 12 months of release. Under current arrangements in Australia it is nearly always cheaper to buy books online from overseas providers such as Book Depository (free worldwide delivery), Amazon, eBay and other sellers. This means I buy a lot of my books from overseas, which does not help Australian bookstores who are hamstrung by an overly expensive product. Books in Britain and the USA are far cheaper then their Australian counterparts. This situation may not be hurting domestic sellers too much yet, but very soon it will begin to bite in a significant way as consumers g

Charles Broughton
Corinne Warby
Rina Diffen
Kavita Mohanty
Maj Mehmet
Renee Walkerden
Karen Davies
Lynwen Pierotti

I used to buy books from the USA because they were so much cheaper!

Silvia Lynwen Louise Louise	Pino Pierotti Eastaugh Eastaugh	If books were cheaper more people would buy them.
Natasha	Kupresak	The Government should be ENCOURAGING people to read books, after all, we're sorely in danger of becoming a totally illiterate society ('thanks' to text messaging, spell check etc). Please allow creativity to flourish and let people know the joy of books for a price that's reasonable and tax other items that don't feed the soul! Natasha I support Dymocks submission to remove the parallel import Copyright laws that prevent importing books from overseas distributors. Books in Australia are overpriced by world standards and until the drop in the Australian \$ late last year it had often been cheaper to buy books online from overseas suppliers and buy pass Australian book sellers who have been hamstrung by these laws
Cheryl Sonja John	Isles Matthews Milce	As an active member of a book club, who chooses to buy books rather than borrow from libraries, I endorse any proposal to be able to buy books at competitive prices. Although the larger supermarket affiliated sotres popular titles at reduced prices, their range is not as extensive as dedicated booksellers.
Lynette Val Vanessa Rosemary Josephine Scott	Wright Todoroski Dix Day Alvaro Hazeldine	I totally support Dymocks
Daphne Kerri Jasmine Anke	Kern Young Edwards Kotte	If we're able to buy cheaper books through Ebay or Amazon for example, then why can't Book Stores?
Danny Amanda	Kovacic Waldock	Exchange rates make books expensive enough as it is without having our own govenment adding to the cost. Cheaper books equal more sales! having worked in the library field for over thirty years i believe that books should be available for every one to purchase. If there are way to make them cheaper then this is what should be done. Reading is important for our future for each child and for our culture and for our economy.
Donna Malini David Sue Carolyn Katrina Antoinette Jean Karen	Melville Stephen Simpson Mullen Kearney McDougall Cass Morton Mcneill	
David Simone Mrs Jane Amanda Deanna Louise Jenni Annette Kirsty Kaye	Curran Hudson Mikkelsen Fry Lekias Carnley Pridmore Saunders Emmott Viney	The government made the same move for music, there is no reason why they can not do the same for books. I fully support this campaign!

Keep the prices low, books are our escape from our problems of reality, they inspire and release our imaginations, making books too expensive will result in all of this disappearing from our world and I don't think anyone wants that on their mind!
I fully support the removal of this restriction on parallel importation.

Sarah	Cristaldi
Gerlinde	Davis
Amy	Storms
Alix	Bradley
Tom	Richardson
Shelley	Clifford
Lesley	Mertens
Margaret	Fernando
Kylie	Macdonald
Cassie	Fenton
Chevaun	Carr
Valerie	O'Regan
Rosanna	Wunsch
Micheal	Elliott
Dwight	Dowda
Melissa	Pearce
Rosemary	Forbes
Monica	Steeds

All Australian's should have access to cheaper books and we should not be penalised or categorised by government authorities. When we moved to GST we were told we would not pay more than the previous Sales Tax, which was utter rubbish. I now pay more for books post GST. I read 2-3 books per week costing \$40 - \$60 which over 1 month totals in excess of \$200 per month!

Christine	Meekin
Ian	Hartnell
Jessica	Brindley
Karen	Mccrea
Margaret	Genders
Andrew	Reich
Angela	Layton
Peter	Boyden
Andrew	D'Arbon
Keith	Sawyer
Karen	McArthur
Jack	Wein
Merrill	Claessen
Jennifer	Lee
Alex	Balnaves
Alex	Ba
Emine	Hassan
Lynette	Cotter
Catherine	Doyle
Wendy	Claessen

We are desperate to enable book sellers in Australia to bring lower cost books to this country. It's frustrating to see the books in New Zealand are cheaper than here. Lower cost books will also encourage people to read more and push Australia along to become an "Intelligent Country" as well as a "Lucky Country".

Dongyan	Wang
Jill	Pillow
Sarah	Williams
Lyn	Grady
Nick	Fernie

I certainly think in these uncertain times, that paying full price for books is alittle much to ask of the buying public. When I now consider that books are a luxury item now for me, a more competitive price is a must.

Carol	Kuzmanich
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Lisa	Howard	I rarely buy books from Dymocks/Angus & Robertson etc now unless they are on special, or I have a special request because they are too expensive. I can buy the exact same book from a discount department store for nearly 1/2 the price. It further frustrates me that I am not supporting small business.
Mitch	Blankesteyjn	In the present economic climate I think everything should be done to make the purchase of books easier on the wallets of readers.
Sharon	Kyriacou	
Stella	Titei	
Fay	Weston	
Debra	Speak	
Kerrie	Acocks	
Bianca	Sharpe	the Australian literacy levels will improve dramatically as more people will be able to read due to the lower prices of books.
Laura	Simes	
Luisa	Caporale	As Australians we deserve to be well read. Reducing the cost of books will allow a greater part of the country to have the chance to do the same. Thank-you for taking a stand to better our literacy levels.
Wen	Nian	
Margaret	Jamieson	
Gavin	Robbins	
Charlie	Robbins	
Christine	Bancroft	
Shirley	Chan	Many people don't bother reading because books are too expensive. True, that's what the library is for, but in this busy city, most people don't have time to go to the library and find that book they've waiting to read for ages. Books in the library are not always that updated, and it's more likely than not that the book you want has already been lent out. This way, we can work towards a more educated and literal society.
Susan	Rennie	
Michelle	Brandwood	
Mick	Hamilton	
Paul	Crawford	It is a ridiculous situation where you can go online to a large US bookseller, buy a new book and pay shipping to Australia for less than the price of the same book in Australian bookstores.
Kara	Jecks	
Janet	Curtis	
Caroline	Sullivan	
Rebecca	Lee	It better this way so everybody can enjoy reading more books
Christine	Pritchard	
Janet	Ashwell	
Jin	Cheng	
Lynette	Fraser	
Irene	Revel	
Han	Nguyen	Inflating the prices of much needed books is ridiculous. Those willing to learn are going to find it harder as resources reach further and further away from our fingers. With a supposed emphasis on education it seems a contrary situation not to be able to ensure lowest cost possible for books in our community.
Robert	ANSON	
Louisa	Smith	
Rebecca	Carr	I think this is a great idea - i am a student and so buying books for both uni and personal is very expensive. I think this is fantastic and i hope it works!
Anissa	Barwood	
Joanne	McLean	
Christine	Ferguson	
Jeanette	McAnalen	
Elaine	Priestner	
Troy	Mantzaris	

I know that a lot of the products we purchase from "dollar shops" are imported from those more competitive markets, so the prices are a bit cheaper than the prices at the supermarkets like Coles or Woolworth. Why can't this apply to books? Yes, I always find the books too expensive to buy for just reading once or twice.

Stella	Wong
Rosie	Mccann
Judi	Palandri
Kate	Crowley
Aubrey	Fetalvero
Karena	Hewson

The price of books in this country compared to their cover price in Sterling of Dollars is absolutely shocking. The fact that there is a remit in place to continually overcharge for books, is completely unfathomable. Sort yourselves out!

Nirmal	Grewal
Nicole	Barbarich
Cassandra	Leaver
Kirsten	Perrin
Nisha	Jholl
Megan	Bice
Ruth	Weaver
Lynne	Sheffield
Nicola	Elton
Alison	Mckenzie
Sheryl	Stephens
Peter	Inall
Stirling	Goodwine
Barbara	Rahman
John	Soulas
Marie	Gellert
Tracy	Hipwell
Fiona	Norris
Sarah	Larcombe

My house loves books and would buy heaps more if they were cheaper.

I believe that any restrictive practice which inflates the price of books in Australia is untenable. It forces people to order books on line from overseas rather than purchase locally if they are a large reader/researcher like myself, this is not in the interests of the Australian economy, especially at this time.

Anne	Keniry
Julia	Balajan
Lisa	Williams
Michelle	Zipevski

As an avid reader it would be of great benefit to me in these tough economical times to have cheaper reading material.

Patricia	Sargent
Kerry	Bergshoeff
Sally	Spiers
Kristine	Dytor
Megan	Thomas
Rosanne	Gunasena
John	Howell
Daniel	Pedler
Paul	Belchamber

If we are to improve the general level of literacy in Australia we must, amongst other initiatives, make books in general more affordable.

Robert	Barlow
Hazel	Astley
Carol	Keay
Jillian	Richardson
Rudy A.	Buere

Edmond	Fisher	My purchase of books is much less since the price rise. The cost of papers backs are almost out of my budget these days, and ,as for a hard back..foget it. One of my favourite past times is reading, which has been seriously curtailed since the price increase on books.
Kirstie	Halliday	The availability of books should be available to everyone, not just the rich. Please lift these levies.
Jane	Rushton	For years we have had limited access to books from overseas, and paid more for books in Australia. I support the campaign that allows us access to new writers. I would buy far more books were they affordable. Particularly for my children - if we are to foster reading at home then surely making books more affordable for parents is helpful? Libraries are great, but there's nothing better than having an old favourite lying about that they can always pick up and read. Online purchases are more affordable but that's hardly supportive of local (Australian) businesses and jobs. Can we not fix this soon???
Vanessa Rebecca Mark	Ho Davies Fallon	
Clare Adrienne Stephen Liam Maria Kimberley	Rolfe McNaughton Tulett Chan Funk Dowe	Books are a great educational tool for all ages and backgrounds as well as adding to the cultural tapestry of Australian society, it is therefore in the interest of all to make books as accessible and affordable as possible. I support Dymocks advocacy for cheaper books whole heartedly.Clare
Marion Natalie Cara Sabrina John Andrea Arey Frances Vwendla Doreen Monika Alisom	Bom Huynh Grimlinger Houssami Phillips Dahlin Giaveris Lockie Templeton Sloan Obirek brown	I fully support your proposal that books should be cheaper and the restrictions should be removed as they were for CDs.
Aaron Lorraine Anne Trinity Gordon Brendan Peter Virginia Janis Jason Charlotte	Murphy Brown Bentley Townsend Carter Oates Drury Fookes Haswell Chua Elliott	Books are the ultimate source of education for all ages! We need to be able to afford them!
Marion Dale Susan david	Francis Tiernan Wilkins campbell	I like to read books when they first come on market but the price is very restrictive.

I cannot understand why successive Australian Governments of various persuasions have continued any support at all for such anti-competitive agreements among foreign cartels.

Vic Rogers

I agree that the price we pay for books here are way too expensive; more than other countries, and should be reduced immediately!

Diana Mccarty

If cheaper books can be available in Australia this will result in fewer people buying books from overseas, eg at book depository or amazon etc.

Lynn Rattray

We should be able to get copyright protected books - books are for everyone to read and enjoy. And, ofcourse - the prices need to be lowered!

Mrinali Mehta

yes i noticed when on holiday in UK that there seemed a greater range of books and titles and they were cheaper. there were titles that i had not heard of before but by authors that i recognised.

Lisa Panicciari

Donna Bradley

Genevieve Payne

Nicole Hartwich

If books were cheaper I would buy and read more.

Steven May

Kim Smith

Denise Mcsparron

Santhi King

Ruth Hampton

Jill McCagh

Thomas Lillicrap

Kelly Downen

Barbara Marshall

Sam Wiseman

Catriona Gilmore

Anne Holder

Joel Stead

Wendy Duggan

Ik Lau

Sara Salameh

Sarah Honeycombe

Peta Chown

Brooke Veltjens

Alexandra Keith

Bernadette Snell

Jennifer Banister

Carol platell

Vicky Fisher

I VOTE FOR CHEAPER BOOKS AND I AM GLAD SOMEONE IS DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT ON MY BEHALF. THANK YOU.

Christopher West

jaideep chandrasekharan

Bree Riseborough

Sue Kerchhoff

Kirupamani Viswasam

Books should be cheaper! It will encourage younger people such as myself and other teenagers to spend their money on something educational and worthy.

Ayisha Elrayes

Ian Conaghan

Ruth ELLIOTT

Trinh Nguyen

Eleanor Davies

Great idea! After living in the UK for several years I was shocked at the price of books when I returned to Australia!

Lesley Ferguson

Kirsten Mclean

Particularly relevant for purchasing books for children! We want them to read as much as possible - the more affordable kids books are the greater the volume AND variety parents will buy and kids will enjoy - fundamental to improving literacy - particularly for those most at risk - those that can least afford inflated prices. - And this argument extends to libraries, and schools book purchasing ability - not just individuals. Make books more accessible, support our kids to read - and build a better Australia!

Kathy Maher
Catherine Thambiratnam
Sylvia Rogers
Samantha Robin

As a mother and a teacher, I enjoy buying and reading quality books to children. If the restrictions cause the cost of books to be expensive, I believe this will have a negative consequence on our children's literacy skills. Parents and family should be encouraged to buy books for children and themselves, as they need to show the enjoyment of reading in order to encourage children to read. If books were expensive, parents and other adults are more likely to buy other items for children instead of books.

Cathy Rutter

Reading should be encouraged, especially at a young age, seeing how they are our future. An increase in the price of books at a time when many families are experiencing economic hardships is appalling. Encourage education, encourage reading, and make it affordable to everyone.

Nicole Phillips

lowering the prices of books will also encourage younger readers to spend their money on books rather than silly things such as candy. or they could even have the money to do both!

Mary Hewitt
Millan Ng
Margot Lowe
Anne Rose
Alana Jubow

I absolutely love to read books, but it is so hard as a full time university student with no job and relying on a Centrelink youth allowance. I can very rarely afford to buy myself the books that provide me with entertainment, mental stimulation, and a break from the daily grind of study. I would absolutely love it if books were to become cheaper under this campaign. You have my support all the way!

Rebecka O'Malley
Helen Huynh
Laura Mcewan
Amanda Purwa- Jones
Jo-anne Lewis
Cheryl Ribeiro
Sian Ashberg
Alison Badger
Julie Blackett
Goran Ristic
Nicole Kubank
Elizabeth Livermore

I respect the need to protect the royalties of artists and the future of Australian talent but believe the same regime associated with other media forms i.e. music CD's, can also be applied to books without jeopardising royalties or artists futures in the print medium.

Geoff Searle

with the option of electronic books becoming more widely used, it is imperative that "hardcopy" books remain at a competitive price. Alternatively, customers will look to download or search alternative means to obtain books via the internet etc

Aiva Hadjisavas
Sarena Lowery Evenhuis
Ashley Gadaleta
Elaine Margat Henderson
Mandy Chang

Belinda Kirkles
Emily Delarue
Julia Tan
Tracy Meyn
Kate Tanner
Leonore Fenwick
Elizabeth Smith
Lois Coaker
Kathy Robertson

When the exchange rate was stronger I was ordering books through US sites as even with postage it was cheaper. I would have preferred to use Dymocks however the price kept me from doing so. I would love to see cheaper books available here in Australia and as I have an ever growing collection and many more on lists to buy I would welcome the chance to buy from Australian book sites, therefore helping our economy and the job market.

Celeste Davis
Chitwan Singhal
catherine scobie
James Spittle

anything that makes the joy of reading more accessible needs to happen as soon as possible. I currently still buy some books direct from overseas as even with postage it's still cheaper...

Clare Watts
Amanda Richards
Brian Sutherland
Gary Bonderski
Jo-anne Lewis
Emma Deans
Katrina Howison
Sue Cavill
Danielle Keen
Vickie Mallard
Athanasia Tsambas
Lewis Collins
Milena Barizon
Melanie McMillan

I will buy more if cheaper

Patrick Maher
Darelle Sinclair
Alyson Bee
Vicki Platt
Amanda Crofts

I buy most of my books directly from overseas because of very long delivery times and high prices here in Australia. This 12 month constraint recommendation must be changed to allow me to purchase my books at a reasonable cost in Australia.

Lyn Norton
Franka Sekul
Evelin Edwards

Surely it is in the best interests of our children that the price of books not be beyond their reach. All kids should have the right to read at an affordable price..

Rebecca Smith

I wholeheartedly support this petition because myself and my children are avid bookreaders. Books should be more affordable because children should be encouraged to take up the valuable pasttime of reading, which can become a lifelong joy.

Lyn Norton
Judy Irving
Janette Ward
Sandra Hagarty
Doreen Jenkins
Sue Axten

Surely it is in the best interests of our children that the price of books not be beyond their reach. All kids should have the right to read at an affordable price..

Damian Ferreira
Janette Statham

To improve literacy children's and adolescent's books need to be affordable. I have always wondered why, when I lived in the UK, books were so much cheaper than in Australia (even after considering the unfavourable exchange rate). The benefits of books are significant, and I can not see a reason why we should be paying more than absolutely necessary.

Sarah Roenfeldt
Rina Daluz
Allison Godber
Pauline Evans
James Patric Brader
Susan Wise
Melody Yeoh
Kevin Paine
Susan Mackenzie
Caroline Dowell
Chang Ho Lee
Wendy Tunbridge
Nicole Louise Katipunan
Keith McPhee
Amy Dowler
Petra Trinke
Catherine Mason

I often will buy books from Amazon as it is often cheaper to import books through them (even after the shipping costs!) than to buy them here in an Australian bookshop staffed by Australian workers. If books prices were more competitive on a global market I would buy more books domestically.

Yvonne Inall
Fiona Low

Why raise the price of books when we have other things that are expensive already i.e. petrol, groceries, insurance etc.

Rita Calleja
Declan Doherty
Evelyn Drummond
Andrea Kenrick
Tania Robinson
Helen Rodin
Renee Seebohm
Allan Mortensen
Michelle Forsyth

Jan Pearson

The price of books are very expensive - more people would buy them and not go to second hand shops and libraries - this is the best option in this economic climate! We need to be able to provide books for all at a reasonable cost. Reading is an essential tool in today's world. " For it is to light our world"

Dorothy Fitzgerald
Bessy Kriss
Jill Wright

If books are accepted as a stimulus for building intelligence, then surely the government should support all efforts to keep the price of books as low as possible. I fully support this petition.

William Forbes
Jane Lee
Ann Robins
Isabel Chiu
Rose Mccrink
Josephine Christmass
Jessica Carr
Glenn Bradly

Heather Gould
Robert Downing

We need to make books more affordable - especially in this times of financial problems.

Everybody should have the easiest and cheapest access to books and reading leisure, culture and knowledge are essential to make a good and critical human being, otherwise will grow as a single monkey.

Carla Machado
Bruce Chapman
Mandy Carmichael
Rachel Jenner

Please, for the sake of literacy. If books are cheaper, we can buy more!

We should be doing all we can to make books accessible and affordable to everyone especially to encourage young readers.

Lorraine Gepperth
Cameron Pelling
Barbara Evennett
Shirley Rayner
Chanelle Fischer
Helen Johnson
Gabriella Princi
Huong Tran
Ariel Chong
Phillipa Olde
Natalie Stanecki
Josette Smith
Mark Byrne
Kate Bailey

I firmly believe lower book prices will help improve literacy rates for both children and adults. Anything the government can do to improve literacy rates should be done.

Anne Draper

Anne Draper
Tennielle Lynch
Geoffrey Carrison
Debbie Caulfield
Art Raiche
Kris Causer
Teuta Bennett
Barbara Ratajckzak
Adeva Causer
Robin Causer
Paula Causer
Jessica Frank
Sara Smith
Kim Budge
Kim Budge
Kim Budge
Donna Black
Rob Pyne
Lillian Tiddy
Heather Baylay
Gavin Ryan
Julie Rourke
Margaret Rogers

I read a lot it is part of my everyday enjoyment but I am not a millionaire
As a school librarian working with a limited budget, the ever increasing cost of books is a huge issue when choosing quality books. It would be wonderful to be able to buy more books than we are currently funded for.

I am an avid reader, so would support this Campaign if it means cheaper books.

Suzanne Martin
Elizabeth Sutton
Susan Welch
Trudy newcombe

Yes, this should have been done long ago! There is no reason why Australians have to pay so much more for books than other developed countries. Are the authorities wanting us to grow ignorant of reading? Perhaps they think all of us are interested in turning to sport or something? Let there be reduced prices!

Earl Ewers
Fay Carey

Woody Lee
Ingrid Bond
Lucille Scott
Shirlena Hayton
Susan Hoare
Maria Byrnes
Jenny Kuo
Hilary Bailly
Stephanie Chan
Lynn Mitchell
Adam Reeve
Louise Roche

We should encourage reading, more than using the internet

Roger Bayliss

This restrictive practice has provided protection only to a select group of publishers and disadvantages the Australian reading public. The arrangements are from an age when globalisation and free trade were unknown expressions. I definitely believe that the literacy rate will improve dramatically with the availability of cheaper books and reading material.

Diane Jenkins
Simon Reardon
Fiona Dickson
Jarrod Dibden
Philip Pacak
Melissa Vaughan
Gabriella Taylor
Ronald Dale
Lachlan Martin
Aradhana Singh
Pauline Beausoleil
Rosemary Byrne
Pam Garnett
Aradhana Singh
Laila Jamal
Jerilee Buckley
Michelle May
Rhonda Cassidy
Corrine Mccallum

Cheaper!

Trevor James
Michael O'Connor

If government policy is that for Australia is to be internationally competitive the removal of import imposts must be a priority. The ban on import of books directly is a privately imposed duty (albeit with Government support), and therefore must be removed under the same policy.

Denise King
Christine Laing

It can only be a good thing to improve the affordability of books. Currently it is far cheaper to buy books from the US or UK plus postage than to walk to the local bookstore and buy the same book over the counter. That is a ridiculous situation. I would far rather buy my books in Australia. The cost of books in the USA are considerably cheaper than in Australia. I believe the same competitive aspects should apply to books as does with CDs and DVDs

Tilly Vervoort
Raymond Trang
Noela Whittaker
Patricia Keft
Marlene Hyett
Kate Scoles
Robyn Hansen
Sheryl Henley
Melissa Martin
Nicholas Allen
Melissa Renzenbrink

Maria Arambulo
Kylie Fisher
Debbie Chung
Sally Baldwin
Janet Mc Hugh

Im a single mum to a 5yo boy who loves books!! It gobbsmacks me everytime we go into a books store & when I look at a book for me which is like 700pgs & is \$22 then go have a look at books for him & for something with maybe 20pgs in it is the same price!! Everyone is kicking up a fuss at the drop in literary skills of our children today, but how can you expect them to improve when the price of books is too high!!

Tennille Gray
Lota Dela Cruz
Hilda Olivier
David Valverde
Lee Collins
Tyson Klotz
Rebecca O'Reilly
Michelle Bradley
Jessica Dias
Rebecca Savage
Zheng Hui Pan
Yograj Mahajan

The Coalition for Cheaper Books has my wholehearted support.

As a mother, grandmother, & teacher, the need for Australians of all ages to be free to access books at the most competitive price is I believe a fundamental and necessary right. Parents are faced with the decision, a book, or a new DVD? The DVD is cheaper, so why not? DVD's are not books, they will not quicken the imagination as a book will. Children don't receive the wonder of listening to a story from their parent at night from a DVD. I urge you to remember how illuminating and wonderful it was as a child or even now as an adult to receive a new BOOK.

Sally Hogland
Kim Blady
Annmarie Stelfox
shane Pelosa
Joanne Derecourt
wally Pelosa
Burke Rogers
monique Pelosa
tabatha Pelosa
Athena Mcnaught
Sue Pelosa
Alysha Reynolds
Cate Fuller
William Crowe
Vanessa Garbin

If this can be achieved it will save a lot of people having to buy over the Internet
Good Luck

Barbara Yeomans
Nerissa Edwards
Mary Edgar
Noeline Rayner

I support this as long as you pass on the savings that arise from the price reduction. It took the start up of independent import/sale stores of CD's to start to influence the larger music stores proces.

Guy Elliott
Carol Duggan
Mohammad Uddin
Angeline Lai
Laura Governatore
Ann Lisle

Books are already expensive, i would hate see them cost even more
We want cheaper books----PLEASE!

Phillip Pylotis

I for one would definitely buy more books if the prices were cheaper. As we live remotely the television is not so good and books are something I spend a lot of time with, whether I am reading on my own or reading to my youngest child who can't seem to get enough of books.

Jennifer Wendy Baillie Tomlinson

As family of avid readers, our four children have benefited so much from books. We buy as often as we can, despite the availability of online sources. Children and adults will never be alone with a book, it opens a world beyond imagination and it is necessary that books remain affordable and available to all members of Australian society.

Brian Judith Sofie Larry Liston Jeffreys Arnold Wilson

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Brian Amanda James Ritsa Liston Maclay Murray Rizoglou

I support the import restrictions being removed on books to enable books to be cheaper.

Pauline Ian Michele Cindy Kristy Corrigan North Zantiotis Burke Van Der Merwe

Josephine Carol Kay Anne Sandra Mary Kate Karla Mike Jo Juliet Maria Jim Peter Sonia Cheryl Ngari Anthony Hazel Lyndel Elizabeth Marie Thomas Melanie Anna Jennifer Wendy Andrew Karen Patricia Pizzi Duggan Sumiran Price Kellett Manly Gilbard Lowe Wong Tilson Papadontas Richards Darcy Einersen Hardiman Schultz Sykes Carr Helm-smith Todd Moniodis Atkins Sutherland Wyatt Xu Love Shankland Small Roelofs

Hope you achieve your goals with this petition. Kind regards,

By helping make books cheaper, especially in this economic crisis, it enables parents to buy more books for their children. Reading for children is becoming way too understated in relation to video games for learning, bring back good old reading!

Rhiannon Friend
Sarah Barry
Elizabeth Wyatte
Helen Preece
Tegan Rowbotham
Tricia Samways
Fiona Allen
Terence Chan
Alana Miles
Millie Tadros
Susan Roach
Tony Qi
Robyn French
Vanessa Pow
Denise Wang
Paul Hefferan
Craig Barnes
Penny Marchant
Natalie Kabbabe
Jane Clohessy
Dianne Bain

Open mind to all varieties of literature.

Tina Lopez
Tracy Irving
Nicole Dann
Sylvia Kolz
Samantha Stewart
Cheng Tang
Tracey Knight
David Ryerson
John Coloton
Chantelle Weight
Leah Harvey
Sarah Willmore
Justine Crnkovic

We want cheaper books in Australia so that we don't have to order from amazon or the Book depository in the UK. Please.

BOOKS ARE EDUCATIONAL WETHER THEY ARE FACT OR FICTION.
ALLOWING BOOKS TO BE MARKETED AT A LOWER PRICE IS TO BE
ENCOURAGED ALWAYS

Paddy Newman
Juliana Mayer
Kylie Jeffrey
Jon Pearce
Vanessa Spotswood
Janet Bairstow
Pam Howard
Hans Mayer
Joanne West
Sally Lowy
Alison Forman
Fay Jefferson
Ken Ferguson
Anita Earl

Provided that Dymocks passes on the savings to the readers.

Books should be cheaper. BTW what about the GST? Initially books were exempt. Media is clearly changing with digital technology and the Australian government is on the wrong back foot. Eg. censorship and other efforts to restrict internet. They do well in China. That is scary. What about the redundant copyright warnings on DVDs? Hey, we all don't watch commercial TV. In other words, we're not all stupid. But the govt. would like us to be.

Chris Floyd
Josephine Zeichner
Stephanie Everett
Sue-Ella Pacan

if books were cheaper and more affordable, more people will purchase them - it makes sense for the whole industry

Amanda Haynes
Kerrie Rohr
Chirsty White
Geoff Tunbridge
Jacinta Faithful
David Grant
Therese Bennie
Rebecca Mackey
Tracey Chalker
Ashley Shaw
Mark Watson
Ruby Roberts
James Wallington
Anne Benajamin
Sharon Walters
Erin Bates
Mandy Ames De Jager
Catherine Field

The high price of books in Australia is a significant inhibitor to the Government's stated desire to make us a better-educated and higher-skilled nation.

James Munday
Jye Ramsay
Natasha Loi
Stephanie Goodacre

In a country where literacy levels are getting worse every year, surely cheaper books should be considered much more important than cheaper C.D's?!!!
As a member of 2 book clubs, this would be most appreciated.

Naomi Sherman
Sandra Tame
Nicole Pavy
Jennifer Tabet
Rebecca Hogan
Brenda Hupfield
Lisa Walden
Niki Best
Valerie Grange
Sharon Howe

A very good idea. It could possibly increase the sales from local booksellers rather than having to access Amazon etc. for hard to get books.

Joan Fulton
Renee Smith
Lee Whincup
Fran Fry
Des Heldt
Marian Charlton

I think everyone would buy more books if they were cheaper. My husband and I love reading and we like to buy books for our grandchildren but are restricted by the high cost of all books. I am sure if books were cheaper everyone would benefit and in particular children.

Diane Benz
Katrina Hergstrom
Nathan Parker

Emma Pinkerton
Sally Fowler
Tanya Quinn
Nicholas Simmons
Erika Frankin
Vera-ellen Gregson

Cheaper books for everyone

The availability of cheaper books in this market will promote healthy competition and help protect local busines during the global economic downturn!

Michelle Reyter
Helen Fisher
Georgia Bell
Samantha Boyd
Luke Fletcher
Christine Ryan
Michelle Clark
Elspeth Abel
Mark Keevers
Peter Halim
Sung Pak
Faith Johnson

The fact that books are more expensive in Australia compared to the U.S.A. and the U.K. places many australians at a disadvantage especially with regard to required text books, and also with regard to information generally. I stropngly support the removal of restrictions on parallel importation of books to Australia.

Margaret Hopkins
Mark Wade
Trish Wilson
Alan O'Connell
Angus Warren

I never understood why books were so expensive in Australia compared to the rest of the world. Thank you, Dymocks, for this information! Hopefully this will result in me no longer having to get my daughter, who lives in the UK, to send me books for a lot less money, including airmail postage.

Maureen O'Connell
Helen Goldfinch
William Marshall
Duane Cabasal
Tanya Woodcock
Joanne Farley
Zeinab Zein
Laura Deverson
Kellie Manning
Domou Ahmad
Faizun Raza
Linda Hill
Dale Hancock
Adam Neilly
Claudia Simon
Justin Hughes

Australians being able to purchase more books for their money will surely create a nation of readers who can look and think "outside the square". Better for Australia's future.

Pam Aldwell
Leonie Chick
Benjamin Jai Richardson
Julian Jordan
Sabeena Parween
Jenny Bennett
Jillian Regler
Nicole Soyer

Kim Arevalo
Annette Peter
Alysha McCuish
Gillian Northcott

books should be available to all income groups

Books are the most important part of human development, currently at risk of obsolescence due to technology. Give Australia a fighting chance to provide books to us all without all of the import restrictions. The world is much more connected due to technology- import laws should keep up to date and allow us all access to trade globally! Good luck Dymocks!

Carol Pakula
Tracey Varney
Joy Taylor
Dianne patterson
Bronwen Young
Gayle Phease
Eileen Sally Henshaw
Debbie Willmore
Laura Moran
Tehani Gunasekara
Michael Chu
Jeremy Singer
Amanda Toogood
Pari Assadi
Nenagh Francis
Susan Robertson
Poh Weng Tham

The3 sooner the better.

I do support the coalition for cheaper books campaign.

Anna Facer
Sarah Edwards
Joyce Chen
Pamela McRostie

Please allow books to become more affordable, reading is the key to learning & development, with two young sons, this is so important for everyone in my family.

Leeanne Fernandez
William Charles

Give us a break please. Let some things in life still be available without having to pay a kings ransom to enjoy them.

Stephen Maclean
Brenda Pegrum

One wonders by continuing the current system for a further 12 months who is being protected and why.

Pamula Cohen
Pam Butt
Beryl-May Aron
Tamara Bubalo
David Ferrari

I agree that books should be as cheap as possible to encourage everyone to read, especially our young people and, as we are all aware, prices on everything keep going up, it would be a change if some prices could go down.

Kathryn Reynoldson
Hayley Dixon
Craig Inglis
Jennie Norberry
Brent Murphy

Being a teacher of Early Childhood Education I also believe that cheaper books would assist more parents buying children's books as I think it is extremely important for very young chn. and chn. of any age to be read to, or read to themselves.. There needs to be encouragement to get chn. away from large amounts of time at computers and electronic games.

As an Australian author (out of print) I have grave concerns about the practices of the publishing industry that result in little or no payments to the authors without whose hard work their businesses would not exist. As a book-buyer, particularly of special-subject titles, I would like to be able to obtain the books I need without having to source them from overseas on the internet because local shops are unable to stock them as a result of these trade restrictions.

Jenni Kirkham
Martin Borwell
John Pascoe
Jessica Tapp
Curtis Plumb

As an avid book reader and frequent purchaser of books for my own use and for gifts for family members and friends, as well as being a member of a book club which strives to keep the cost of purchasing books to an absolute minimum (as most of our members are retired and on fixed incomes) I support and heartily reinforce the views expressed in the petition by Dymocks that Australians be able to have access to unrestricted imports of cheaper books. Your positive consideration and action on implementing changes in support of this campaign would be a bonus to all Australians.

Ellen Logan
Wendy White
Yvonne Hamilton
Rosalyn Hansen
Hayleyanne Mcswain
Veronica Bennett
Susan Whyte
Kylie Martin

I would respond to the price of books dropping by buying a heck of a lot more books! I hope this would effect ebook prices also.

Julie Brock
Bianca Gepperth

I did not know there was any possibility of cheaper books, what a boon that would be.

I very much support this. I at times order books from the UK and USA because they are cheaper and many available that are not available here..Also when in the UK I buy my books there and bring them home with me because they are 1/2 the price. This cannot be good for Australian business. I think it terrible that there should be such restrictions on books when these are the very lifeblood of learning. Fancy having cheap CD's and a high tax on books. That just shows where the priorities of the Government are. What hypocrits, they say that our schools and society is declining in literacy, but they put restrictions on books.

Suzanne Wallace
Miles Rothwell
Rebecca Hawkins
Leanne Ward
Justin Chauveau

I often find it cheaper to import books I want than to buy them at the inflated prices forced on consumers in Australian bookstores. A bundled order, even with the exchange rate & postage/handling is generally much cheaper than buying the same books in Australia. Give the Australian bookstores the opportunity to be truly competitive in booksales.

Judith - Ann Robertson

I do not support unfair, illegal and immoral labour laws common in impoverished countries. If this amendment should permit such countries from entering the market then I revoke my support; leave the prices of the books as high as they must be in order to protect human rights.

Hanna Ayoub
Christine Murphy
Kendra McDonald
Kathryn Ady
Daniel Calleja
Ann Bray
Leilani Pascual

Kylie Conroy
Susan Deleanu
Jane Beason
Denise Edwards
Sherrill Robinson
Martina Gaspar
Kathryn Fritz
Rachel McGrath

Given the plethora of ebooks and audio books no-one wants to buy paperbased books anymore, pricing out consumers is a bad move.

Angela Pak
Geoff King
Christine Bellairs
Carolyn Troup
Stephanie Gard
Helen Lee
Ibrahim Hajj
Peta Mckellar
Louise Brown
Fiona Diaz

Technology is taking over so we need our books to stay human.

Go Dymocks!!

It's about time this draconian protectionism was removed if only for the benefit of the literacy levels of young Australians who "can't afford" to be literate. These laws only support the greedy self interests of what are basically offshore corporations. Why strangle the goose when more reading interest will be generated and therefore sales.

Phil Hands
Grace Stewart
Neil Hamilton
Tania Spinella
Jan Michniewicz
Erin Dawkins
Katrin Burkle
Louise Huempel
Judith Herd
Felicity Watt
Michelle Pike
Carmela Ozzimo
John Predebon

Sincerely hope we can get cheaper books. Also would like to see a return to smaller books. Much easier to handle especially for travelling.
It is important to support the freedom of information

Edna Davies
Alma Cameron
Samantha Browning

Kaylene Teasdale
Agustin Lamas

Books are in integral part of our lives and our learning, why should we pay more when it is possible not to? Everybody is still paid fair royalties so who would it really be harming? CHEAPER BOOKS! CHEAPER BOOKS! CHEAPER BOOKS!

Currently I tend to buy my texts over the internet overseas because I can have a hard copy text delivered to my door for less, or equal to, the cost of the paperback equivalent in Australia. Local book purchases tend to only be impulse buys or discounted surplus books.

John Popper
Peter Vaughan
Lorraine Gajewski
Sara Matulovic
Margot Williams
Terri Williams
Kelsie Paschini
Paquita Boulton
Stephanie Wiesner
D'Silva

Pamela Thomas
Cameron Ryan
Luisa Giannone

I would buy many more books if I could afford them, so to be able to buy cheaper means a lot to me.

Vivienne Ferguson
Miranda Cashin
Elissa Morton
Heidi Thavaseelan
Maragaret Baltes
Ramesha Perera

bout time! i have had to resort to getting whatever kmart has on sale and not the range or choice i want. glad something is being done! :D

Bernadette Russell
Melissa Pearce
Craig Grant

i would like to support australian booksellers more; currently i order books on the internet from overseas. They are cheaper and there is a greater variety of titles. On average i spend approx \$1000 per year on overseas book purchases. Surely this money would be better spent in Australia.

Inge Stainlay
Leanne Clegg
Wilhelmina Harder
Lisa McNeill
Angela Kennedy
Delene Plunkett
Tashreen Tourabaly
Kylie Field

We have enough barriers to getting hold of books in AU, namely distance (therefore cost of shipping), smallness of market, etc., surely the reading public need all the help they can get in obtaining books at a reasonable price. If Kevin Rudd is serious about free trade, shouldn't his government stop blocking it at home?

Timothy Mar Ellison
Toni Regan
Margaret Klower
Robb McCrostie
Margaret Nash
Bert Bardoel
Susan Mainwaring
Karen Furr

If we want an educated population, then reading is a requirement - why put it out of reach of the very audience we want to target!

Tara Felton
Sandie Wrenn
Canan Yasarcan
Veronica manifold
Tanya Chalmers
Kerrie Klaack
Denzel Seet
Kerrie Klaack

Reading is a vital part of many peoples lives, be it informational, educational, recreational or for cultural purposes. Should readers wish to purchase these items access to the required resources must be equitable for all.

Nerida Dye
Sharon Johnston
Pamela Beebe
Lynn Defoe

I would certainly buy more books if they were cheaper. I read a lot but it is not easy to get to my local library as I have to rely on a neighbour for transport, there being no direct public transport. Also, as a pensioner I simply cannot afford to buy more than one book a month, but I would love to buy and keep many more books if I could.

Wendy Trevor-wilson

Carolyn Smith
Alex Karydis
Lasharn Finlayson
Christine Nicholas
Jasmin Ehrke
Mohamed Rajab

This is something that should have never been allowed in the first place. We try and encourage our young to read books, but in most cases it is too expensive. It is even harder to afford books on a limited income.

Gail Smith
Maree Stacy
Matt Foti
Iris Kao
Elisa Patricia Carminati
Annie Preedy
Rosslyn Jenkinson
Emma Humphries
Jordie Cardwell
Karin Cirillo
Suzanne Hartley
Amie Cameron
Fiona McGill
Sandra Drgyris
Libby Sheppard
Collene Harris
Liz Irving
Janet Turner
Sandra Owens
Ron Morstyn

The cheaper books become the more we can buy for our children!

Paula McDonald
Scott Swabey
Ishak Tjahjadi
Riki Stevens
Elizabeth Farrar
Kerry Bryant
Chris Lysaght
Jeni Nathanielsz

I buy a huge amount of books, many I have to source from the UK as they are unavailable here or more expensive here. I would prefer to keep the money in Australia especially during this financial crisis.

Justine Tweed

This petition is supported wholeheartedly if it means a reduction in the price of books. I currently have started to order books from the UK as it is just too expensive to buy them in Australia. If the prices could even be comparable (at the moment it would cost me double to buy something at Dymocks) I would be more than happy to just buy it here.

Sandra Tomkinson
Esther Hildebrand

My husband and I try to avoid purchasing books in Australia because they are so very expensive. We buy overseas and/or order them from Amazon, even with shipping it still is much less expensive. There should be no duty or levy imposed on this kind of thing, much less GST!!

Valerie Corman
Maria Parkinson

As a person who is a very keen reader who loves to also collect books, due to the price of books I find myself unable to purchase books I would love to own, therefore I am submitting the Coalition for Cheaper Books and the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. Yours sincerely, Anne Bates.

Anne Bates

Price is the single barrier against literature being exploited by the electronic media. Maintain a competitive margin for hard copy.

Barry Maffescioni
Irene Berry

Emma Steven John	Hansen Rostron Horsley	I believe that books should be at world competitive prices. On this issue I agree with the Coalition. I am hopeful common sense will prevail and the impost removed.
Elaine Yvonne Lisa	Prior Daly Soulantzso	
		I believe the restriction should be lifted on the importation of books. The saving should be passed on to the consumers and book reader rather than the Australian subsidiaries of overseas companies. They are the ones making all the money at the moment and inflating prices for the consumers. If you restrict books in the first 12 months of publishing, this still wont work, the savings will not be passed on to the consumers and people who love to read and buy books.
Marion Bianca Lee-anne Kristy	Cherry Mizzi Low Trewin	
		I would rather buy books here from retailers like Dymocks than by going online & ordering direct from the States, just to get them cheaper. This restriction should be removed as it is against fair trade.
Yolinda Rose Dale	De Bruyn Hermans Olson	
		Books need to be accessible for all, lowering the cost to purchasers will enable greater access to valuable resources that will benefit society as a whole.
Amanda Deborah Douglas Diane Bonnie Sara Shirley Elizabeth Vasilios Ann Pauline Monica Suzanne Dianne Justine Lara Phil Linda Linda Karen	Rolfe Willmott-Tyler Chappell Denman Mitchell Cutler Crawford Quinlan Gouriotis Rice Watts Renwick Sakadakis Fiddyment Fenna Richardson Alderslade Fung Wilson Lauw	
		With the current economic problems, this is more important than ever.
		Books need to be cheaper to encourage people to buy them. most young people i know don't have a lot of money and will prefer to get their info from the internet. Waiting list for books at libraries are long (months). If we want to encourage people to be literate, educated and to use their imagination then books need to be cheaper!
Stephanie Kim	Kensitt Hewitt	
		Would be wonderful if books were to become more affordable..We need to keep reading.
Valerie Samantha Claire Jacqueline Rhiannon	Johnsen Thompson Ferguson Malan Lowe	

Harmony Elliott	Having lived overseas and as an avid reader it is frustrating that books are so expensive here. I have started buy e-books, because they are so much cheaper... I support this Campaign wholeheartedly - I have always wondered why books are so expensive in Australia ...
Kris Balik	
Matthew Dean	
Stephanie Rakich	
Natasha Yassine	
Amy Thomson	
Claire Day	
Vikki Simons	
Jan Hills	Everyone should be able to buy books.
Elizabeth Wong	
Joanne Smith	
Edward Duckett	Providing the situation TRULY is as described by DYMOCKS , as an avid reader , I think the partition is a sound idea . Edward Duckett
Sunny Pyon	I love reading books and would definately buy more if they were cheaper.
Karon Lloyd	
Annie Hayes	Books are a vital part of life, why stop people from being able to afford them?
Linda Melville-Main	
Jeanette Waites	Current arrangements are anti-competitive and anti-consumer. Publishers and authors have continued to profit in comparable countries that do not have this protectionism. Consumers in Australia lose out and will continue to lose out under the Productivity Commission's proposed lame compromise, the 12 months rule. Most books are bought within a year of release!!
Barbara Gatter	
Mavourna Collits	
Fiona Lamont	I support this petition 110%. Fingers crossed!! I hope many thousands of people respond to this great incentive to help reduce costs to book lovers. I personally would buy more books if they were cheaper. Unfortunately the other costs of living erode my finances enough at times so that extra cash for books is not always available.
Marilyn Burdett	
Madeline Dell	
Leanne Franco	
Linda Tognella	
Tara Mcintosh	
Mary Cameron	
Brenton Forrest	Thank you, no.
Rhiana Hodges	
Delene Plunkett	
Jacqui Ivanac	As a teacher, it is hard enough to promote reading within families without even higher prices!!! Reading is a skill that needs to be nurtured. I believe everyone needs books in their lives, right from birth. When books are to expensive, they won't be considered as gifts as people can't afford it.
Bianca Nash	
Katie-ann Paulin	
Janelle Shinnars	
Amanda Heffernan	
Tracey Yelavich	
Phil Watson	
David Vilo	
Leann Mamone	Please help support literacy in Australia by making books for affordable for all.
Claire Lane	
Yvette Caunt	
Sadaat Cheema	

I am from Canada and as soon as I moved here I noticed the higher price in books. It has resulted in me buying less books than I would have otherwise. It is a shame because I am an avid reader & belong to 2 book clubs.

Dwann	Griffin
Hong	Dou
Gary	Campbell
Andrew	Mayhew
Christene	Young
Paul	Fogarty
Christine	Young
John	Hodgens

I currently live in Thailand and can buy most books for half the price I pay in Australia!
bring the prices down asap

Catherine	Wallace
Jamie	Mclennan
Kim	Chestney
Jo	Dissanayake
Emily	Ap
Rachel	Mayhew
Sarah	Drew
Andrew	Hannan
Alex	Donnelly
Jocelyn	Sexton
Jean-Marc	Rousset
Claire	Hausler
Adam	Bojarski

Books are good. Make them cheaper.

More affordable books will mean more children can learn to read

One of the strongest characteristics of successful people is that they are well read. As someone said "knowledge is power". With the explosive growth in the electronic and digital media, we need to ensure that the future generations do not think of books as being antique. Hence we need to make them more affordable. The current protectionist policy goes totally against the vein of an open market philosophy, something that all leaders, including Kevin Rudd, endorsed at the recent G20. Come on Kevin, put your money where your mouth is ! Rather than give people stimulus packages to spend, make books more affordable so that they can buy more. Ever thought of that as an economic solution ? Let market prices prevail. Thanks Dymocks for taking this up. Good on ya !

Kunal	Parikh
Sharen	Hamed
Brigitte	Tyack Rousset
Kin	Cheung
Helen	Chedzey
Vicki	Adams
Heather Mar	Whitehead
Hayley	Johnson
Trang	Tran
Jessica	Hart
Diya	Bhutani
Elizabeth	La

Please see reason. Reading is the core of knowledge. We invest in so much into technology Broadband networks etc but books are what we read to our children at night not letting them fall asleep in front of a screen.

John	Andrews
Christie	Lohr
Patricia	Santi
Christina	Richards

I strongly support the removal of restrictions on parallel importation; fair competition is possible only when there is provision for the sourcing of books wherever resellers find it most advantageous both for themselves and for the reading public.

Donald	Broadribb
Rathi	Kandiah

Rebecca	Harrison	
		I am always appalled at the disparity of prices of books between the USA and Australia. Having lived in the USA for 17 years and being an avid book buyer during that time, I find I am very sparing of my purchases in Australia. I still travel to USA once or twice a year and a large proportion of my luggage on my return to Australia is books. I would very much welcome the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.
Barry	Trembath	
Anita	Hansen - Knarhoi	
Katherine	Treter	
Hannah	Jones	
Drew	Puddy	
		I support this petition wholeheartly because I for one have bought books directly from Amazon and other international suppliers effectively bypassing the Australian Distributor and retail seller. This primarily has been because I could buy the books cheaper (inclusive of the costs of the exchange rate and shipping). Therefore, to support local business and jobs for this and other industries government needs to change legislation/regulations that protect monopolistic / Oligopolistic practices!!!! Please remove these impediments to a more informed society with such draconian legislation. Capt. Richard Guay
Peter	Thornton	
Richard	Guay	I often wondered why books are so expensive in Australia. This explained why the Library is scarced of books. Parents are urged to encourage their Children to read but how is that possible when books are so expensive. No wonder children spends a lot of time on computers... not enough interesting books available to them... This is just unacceptable!
Elice	Barry	
Sarah	Burton	
Peta	Courts	
		aren't we trying to encourage reading, don't make it even harder by making books more expensive.
Rowena	Garrett	
Peter	Kershaw	
Annette	Punter	
		I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. Jan Wightman
Jan	Wightman	
Diane	Colquhoun	
Faraaj	Qureshi	
		Putting reading materials out of the range of people with less income is unforgivable in these economic times
Jane	Haylock	
Lee	Graham	
Robyn	Curtin	
Grant	Ribbink	
Janine	Piedade	
Michelle	Matulovic	
		Books in Australia are far too expensive when compared with purchasing overseas. This was especially noticeable to me when I was in the UK over Christmas 2008. I was amazed at the difference in prices. I limit my purchase of books here because of the cost - only buying the reference books I need for my course and no longer buying novels - can't afford it!
Vicki	Ingham	
William	Fawcett	
Gillian	Ennis	
Steven	Hewitt	
Norbertas	Vilkaitis	
Anita	Czapski	
Lynn	Horton	
Jennifer	Lane	
Jan	Waller	
Lyn	Shipp	
Adam	Mammone	

Anthony Hill
Barb Gough
Emilee South
Marina Lenzo
Michelle Morrow
Karnia Zambrans
Alison Oliver

Bring knowledge to more people.

Marco Cattaneo
Garry Hausfeld
Jill Mccorkell
Feby Tandiary
Rowena Billingsley
Marlene Oppenheim
Catherine Borg
Earnest Ganuelas
Jacob wilke
Emilia Claveria
John Bagster
Shelley Boyce
Diane Stebbings
Jacqueline Hars
Liz Wells
Clare Walker
Paul Rix
Susan Shenton
Karen Ferguson
Vivian Ting
Sally Robertson
Praveena Warayan

I buy 99.99% of all my books from Amazon.com, because prices are ridiculous in Australia. This needs to change, and hence I support this action.

Books should be treated the same as CDs for import duties.

I believe books should be easily affordable to all.

A more competitive price will encourage the purchase of books from local booksellers. At present it is often cheaper to buy books online from the US with the postage than from the local bookshop!

Leonie Turner
Jenene Clarke
Sandy Leong

Unlike myself, who likes to browse through bookshops willing to contribute to the rent, wages & expenses required to maintain such a place, so many people I know will BUY BOOKS ONLINE BECAUSE OF PRICE. Therefore, a change is imperative to Save the Bookstores and our ability to browse!

Grace Marwood
Naomi Huntsman
Aleksandra Malinowski
Angela Adams
Joanne Ervasti
Avril Drain
Sandra Muchmore

Would buy more if books were cheaper

I currently buy my books from overseas, importing them from Amazon.co.uk. Thus the Australian economy & Australian businesses are losing revenue... Surely this is crazy, especially in today's market?

Matthew Warner
Dominika Malinowski

Yes i do think books should be cheaper,to encourage more people to read ,and also have one unit price across all stores

Sharolynn Mconnell
Natalie Taylor
Anne Simington
Jacquelyn Mann
Luke Leeson
Chris Harris
David Ramage

Hau	Wong	
Radhiah Janet	Chowdhury Williamson	The disparity between the price of books in the US and UK compared to the price of books in Australia is criminal. People are inclined to buy from Australian stores, but the savings to be had overseas are far too great to be ignored, so Amazon US, Amazon UK, and Barnes & Noble are reaping the profits of our ridiculous pricing system.
Bianca Kim Wendy Michael Michael Leonie Sue Hilary	Mirza Nguyen Brealey Rix Rix Cherry Langley Obank	As an avid reader, I spend alot of my spare funds on purchasing books. I have found that some books I try to get aren't readily available in the Australian market as they are in the US or UK and if they are, I pay more because it costs more to import them in smaller quantities from overseas. I would think that, especially in the case of Dymocks, that this submission would also benefit the Australian economy by buying from Australian companies (eg Dymocks) who import direct from the publisher overseas. It's not as if the writers are missing out as their works are still copyright protected.
Tina (C.M.) Rachael Deborah Kate	Paap Knight Jeffrey Long	Let's encourage people everywhere to enjoy the wealth of experience and mind broadening advantage of access to good books at a fair price.
Rowena Susan Lorinda Mike Frances Frances Priscilla Carol Bob Chris Rob Anne Sylvia Jo-anne Wendy Daniel Kelly Sally Wade Sharon Susan	Ollis Chicchio Bailey Carragher Sbrocchi Sbrocchi Palma Howes Ritchie Andersen Dunn Kennedy Waterson Galva Gwynne Bailey Higgins Anderson Ninness Ellery Manso	Surely we should be encouraging people (especially children) to read and not making it more difficult for people to purchase books!
Debbie	Lewis	make books cheaper please
Ashleigh	Palladino	Free trade is a good thing Stop the restrictive laws that force me to pay more for my books than I should.
Carmen Jennie	Calleja Richardson	How can we encourage education to our children... knowledge through reading... when the cost of books are so high. Does even the simple pleasure of reading a book now have to burn a hole in my pocket? Times are tough. We need books at a cheaper price. If you want to encourage people to read and learn through books, then make them more easily available financially for that to happen. Thanks

Louise Merry
Sarah Mulligan
Angela Shacklady
Jette Clark
Sujeeva Wettasinghe
Helen Braam
Roslyn Fisher
Jackie Berry
Edward Mooney
Ava Albano

Toni Gallagher
Melanie Hardman

I would do anything to bring reading to the masses. If cheaper books mean that more people get the opportunity to read - then that is a wonderful thing for everyone.

I'm an author. My publisher has published my books in Ebook, audio & POD paperback print. the printed books are via Booksurge through Amazon.com. the printed versions are expensive for potential readers, with the prices geared for import to other countries ex USA. My website is wendylaing.com

Wendy Laing
Brian Mc Erlean
Carly Cross
Alex Reagan
Josh Reagan
Kay Yazici
Jennifer Farrell
Chris Reagan
Rebecca Tully
Stephen Reagan

If Australia is serious about wanting to raise the standards of education and life skills in this country, then it clearly needs to make reading materials available at the lowest possible price.

Rosemaria E Ni Beirne
Janelle Baron
Kam Fai Ma
Barbara Reagan
Keeley Silk
Pat Forster
Sarah Mullord

Julie Bond

Why should only favoured agents be allowed to inflate the costs? Australia purports to be a free market company!

If books were less expensive, people-including me- could buy more of them. Please remove the restrictive laws that at present make buying a book a luxury that many cannot afford.

Patricia Grey
Natasha Fonte
Margie McMahan
Hugh Vernon
Lynda Goodman
Ghulam Badar

I fully support the petition.

I would like to support the reforms to enable cheaper books to be available in Australia, and in particular ebooks as an emerging technology.

Gregory Bonnefin
D Moir

About time this rort was quashed!! Outrageous that it has continued for so long.

I would like to support the reforms to enable cheaper books to be available in Australia, and in particular ebooks as an emerging technology.

Gregory Bonnefin
Jan Patterson
Ann Maria Luxford

Patricia Castelblanco
Debbie Bentley

most of the times we would like to buy more books but they are expensive so if we have the opportunity to have books a more competitive prices we would buy more as we love to read all the times.

The price of books has gone up considerably; often ridiculously expensive. Having to budget for a lot of things in the current economic climate, I'm afraid I've had to put my love of books at the very bottom of the list a lot of times. So, yes, it's about time we looked at ways to get those prices down.

Janiss	Chai-komosa
Brooke	Taylor
Gavin	Wailes
Nathan	Foung
Maria	Pate
Sharyn	Mckay
Brett	Hardiman
Vicky	Darwiche
Emma	Ward
Sian	Parker
Cheryl	Ashwin
Barbara	Hanbury
Sara	Thean
Rachel	Frost
Robyn	Wilson
Rachael	Della Franca
megan	howard
Hannah	Tattersall
Leanne	King
Catherine	West
Tegan	Ridgeway

it would be nice for Australians to enjoy reading books at competitive prices

Philomena	Footman
Sandi	Spence
Keith	Baron
Alex	Durrant

If we are to encourage literacy and a love of life-long yearning then books should be affordable for everyone in the community. Restrictions of any sort, particularly with price create sub-cultures of those who can afford to read and those who cannot. The high price of books has forced me to borrow many more from the library rather than purchasing a copy myself.

Georgina	Tick
Kendall	Lao
Romayne	Fleming
Erika	Stoffels
Kylie	Hawker
Bronwyn	Inall
Angela	Oldfield
Stephen	Lomax
Jillian	Richdale
Kate	Gillson
John	Shinn
Kate	Lapthorne
Shirley	Baron
Bernadette	Napper
Belinda	Castle
Helen	Kelly
Peter	Burridge

The cheaper books are the more we will buy and the better educated (spelling, grammar etc) our children will be.

Carol	Dawson
Carol	Forbes

If I can't buy cheaper books in Australia, I will purchase them from online, international book sellers like Amazon. Please protect our Australian retailers and let us buy cheap books here in Australia. Thank you.

The government should take whatever action is needed to ensure that Australians, young and old, have access to the world's books at the most economic prices. Widespread reading at every age and at every level of society is a key part of the PM's "Education Revolution".

Colin Latchem
Marie Saklaoui
Ben Frankom

Silly protectionist policies like this have no place in the 21st Century. It's as outmoded as cabotage.
fight for your right to bring us saving and you have our support

Peter Caldwell
Bryan Thornton
Heather Frankom
Richard Ferdinands
Christalla Pavli
Camille Brandt
Sarah Hoffman
Hedi Forbes
Anthony Harrap
Pia Drummond
Karen Ferdinands
Rebecca Mccarthy
Marie Gregory-Naum
Daphne Wall
Carol Mc Naught
Claire Carr
Simone Redman
Callum Wilson

As a worker in a not for profit school age care centre, we find it hard enough trying to interest children in reading without book prices going up and up and up. If everyone that deserves to be paid for each book is still going to get their money and book prices aren't going to continue to go up, I'm all for this!
fight for your right to bring us saving and you have our support

Leigh Stumbras
Bryan Thornton
Ron Wilson
Andrea Halse
Catherine Rogers
Amanda Rogers
Nathan Drogemuller
Wade Wilson
Briana Elliott
Jacqueline Field
Anthony Davies
Lisa Wilson

Books need to made accessible to all, regardless of situation, if the promotion of reading is to be carried out and embraced.

Erin Fischer
Anna Lagana
Brent Lougoon
Tegan Ginns
Rosa Gordos
Parisa Vidafar
Simone Court
Susan Delaney
Midge Addiscott
Lorraine and Early

Make books cheaper!

Robyn Nance
Agnes Gordos
Rob Thomson

I'm an avid reader but the current price structure of books is making it prohibitive to buy, particularly being a senior on a fixed income

Malissa Fonte

I'll happily continue to purchase my books overseas using amazon etc. Wouldn't you rather I purchased in Australia?

I LOVE TO READ AND ANY REDUCTION ON READING ITEMS WOULD BENEFIT ALL AUSTRALIANS ANYWHERE, READING IS SO VITAL TO KNOWLEDGE. THANK YOU.

Janet Beck
Maryann Welsh

If the Government's agenda calls for a smarter nation, surely the ability to provide cheaper books must be an incentive.

Judi Hurst
Judy Newsome
Daniel Gordos

I agree that books should be cheaper & restrictions removed. Judy Newsome

I'm all in favour of reducing the prices of books and would purchase more books if they were more affordable. It would also stop me from 'stocking up' on favourite author's books when I travel overseas.

Annie Payne
Amanda Filipcevic
Meg Bollen
Rosanna O'Connor
Holly Vale
Alan Blevin

Today I don't buy many books, but those I do buy are costly so I do shop around. My most recent purchase was "C Programming Language" edition 2 by Kernaghan and Ritchie. Dymock's retail price \$117. Instead I imported the book from the UK and landed it on my door step within 5 days for USD \$46... that includes USD \$12 freight! If the book industry can't find the balls to give the appearance of competition it can close it's retail stores now. Thanks, and good luck.

Greg Mewkill
Jennifer Kidd
Carmen Chegwiddden

I've never been able to understand why books (and music!) in Australia are SOO! expensive compared to most other western countries. Please do all you can to rectify this backward situation.

Shelby Robison
Katherine Westhead

I love books and cheaper books will hopefully mean more voracious readers - which surely can't be a bad thing?

Shiobhan Platt
Mitchell Quinn
Val Cornell
Sue Downton
Diane Ward
Esther Hunt
Michael Radice
Selena Jones
Meegan Treen
Paul Chester

I fully support this campaign and believe that Australia is in need of greater exposure to the world of books and Literature from around the world.

Sonia Masini
Nadia Borghetti
Tanya Ball
Sharon Fielder
Amy Claughton
Gloria Rodgers
Karen Mackey
Geoff Morrow
Karen Bellamy
Joanna Tennant
Despina Kontaratos
Sandra Bailey
Kate Cameron
Judith Gifford
Kristy Bergin
Nadia Bachman

yeah for cheaper books...keep the population reading.

Reichelle Yeo

I love books but can only afford them if they're on special or second hand which saddens me. If this limits me accessing books as a book lover, it disheartens me to think how this would prevent people starting to read in the first place.

Vicki Newman
Diane Edwards
Michelle Brown
Joanne White

I believe we need access to education through reading at competitive prices with overseas organisations. The cost of book is becoming expensive.

Steven Fraser
Jesse Ainsworth
Ian MacKinnell
Suzanne Mobbs
Ana Visic
Karen Orrock
shaun cunningham

Books are the eyes of the world and should be available to all regardless of their income or nationality. Australia must embrace the knowledge of other cultures instead of waiting until the book becomes a best-seller when it is deemed worthy of purchase. This is unacceptable in this technological age and our bookshops will suffer the consequences with more downloads from the internet. Please consider the written word as a medium which must never go out of fashion. Jean chester

Jean Chester
Braden Collings
Jennifer Taylor
Kylie McAvoy
Wayne Tracy
Glenn Varcoe
Stephanie Dalglish
Yasmin Adan

I love to read but am restricted by a dwindling retirement income

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Jean Chester
Wayne Tracy
Monique Van Camp

With the declining literacy rates in our young people and the seduction of electronic devices, it is imperative that we remove any restrictions to the purchase of books by parents of young families.

Leonie Lewington
Anne-marie Gregory
Colette Adele
Anne Coll
Chris Eustace
Jeni Petricevic
Helen Bean
David McCrostie
Emily Knox
Patricia Couzens
Amanda Houison

Denise Norman
Samantha Chilton

To become the "clever country" we need reasonably priced books. Every Australian deserves the chance to continue their education through the love of reading.

I recently listened to a talk back radio show that held a spelling bee for those aged 23 and under. The reason for this was they were unable to spell. The gift of spelling comes from books and having the good fortune of a son who reads avidly from grade one to now being thirteen the only problem I have is the expense of the books.

Thankyou for trying to do something about this.

Deidrea Byrne
Jessica O'Halloran
Jaclyn Vassallo

With everything going up in price anyway, why is it necessary to over inflate the cost of having an innocent, non violent, legal past time????

Suzanna Naumcevski
Catherine Redman
Christina Brook
Caroline Kondys
Kylie Scott
Karen Stellon
Veda Rosser
Roxana Jones
Des Jardins
Jennifer Bateman
Maria Raso
Mark Morgan
Graeme Cross
Mary Maxwell
Ian George
Kathleen Kennedy

We pay way too much for books in Australia.

I would buy a lot more books locally if they were as cheap as if I had bought them online, so Australia is already missing out directly. My kids would also benefit, I could buy more with the savings! Then we need to do the same about Technical books that come with Software, This is probably another market issue. (We pay double for the same software compared to USA)

Steven Eatt
Moe garrad

making books affordable does 2 things supports authors in their chosen profession and encourages people to read which is a passtime for thousands of people

Judith Deakin
Laurie-anne Akers
Candace Wu

Books should not be priced for the wealthier among us. If we want our children to grow up literate and with a healthy desire for reading and learning, Australia needs to ensure books are financially competitive with cds, computer games, etc. Why are we as a nation held hostage to the profits of a few instead of the good of the whole? Are we simply a third world country after all?

Debra Caldwell
Amy Siegert
Julie Tokley
Paul O'Neill
Mark Crabb
Kim Ali
Steven Marshall
Simon Conn

Dilys Bruce

After living in Canada for some years I was amazes at the price of books when I returned to Australia

If we want to have the Education Revolution book should be as cheap as possible Lets encourage reading!

Ian Smith
Katherine Stuart
Margaret Klucis
David Horton

Roger Laryssa	Thain Sutherland	I've always thought that books are outrageously priced. Particularly paperbacks, which appear to be more cheaply produced these days and often fall apart, i.e. pages come away from the binding. Slicker looking covers on these books are a blind for cheaper paper and binding quality.
Eve Fiona Alisha Liz Patricia Jenny Shalindar Rebecca Claire Maris Heather Bernadette Melissa Christie Eszter Tiffany Heather Toby Kimberley Veronica Arianne William	Creed Draney Jacobs Zhang Couch Gamble Singh Adey Girvin Parker Blake Dwyer Oliveri Martin Nagy Bentley Toulson Syme Sloane Castrisos Tahon Mead	I believe books are fundamental to people's appreciation of the language of communication and thinking and affect wisdom, thought process, introspection, analysis and value setting. Books are not just things. They are not just any commodity. However, if they are too expensive - unnecessarily - they are limited to the wealthy. Limitation of books due to cost contributes to the dumbing down of our society.
		n/a
		help us to help others who cannot afford high priced books, but love to read.
Marie Gabby Sarah Kathy Jennifer Jennifer Lisa Kellie	Duparcq Alldis Costabile Harcus Schaefer Saunders Mallia Whittam	This proposal will hopefully give the Australian reader more material at cheaper prices. It should also reduce the number of Australians buying books direct from the internet from overseas distributors. I support this initiative.
Viki Heidi	Keen Taranto	I often buy books from the USA in order to get them sooner than they are released in Australia (and their prices are generally cheaper, even with high shipping charges) I would LOVE to be able to buy more books from Australian stores!
Melanie Lachie Fiona	Stanton Christie Thorn	I live here, but because books are so expensive here I wait until I go overseas to purchase or borrow from the library. If the government want our economy to be productive then they should do all they can to bring the cost of books down, in the uk you can buy a bestseller for under \$10!!! here they are \$20-\$30!!
Anna Natalie	Durbridge Hamer	I support this plan. Access to more affordable reading materials will hopefully encourage people to read more and especially encourage parents to buy books for their children and read to them.

Leslie Doolan
Crystal Jing Ong
Yolanda Lai

It is amazing how expensive books are here in Australia as opposed to the UK (where I lived for 10 years). I am always reluctant to buy books at "full" price as I think shops should be able to source books from all areas and not be limited and obviously still keeping copyright, etc. intact.

Danielle Gray
Luen Loi
Georgia Christie
Kellie Maloney
Ross Higgins

I am an avid reader and would be most appreciative if books were cheaper as you can buy them cheaper over the internet which takes longer and you have to pay delivery. If they were cheaper in bookstores I would buy more books.

Morag Lewis
Elena Shchepotkina
Samantha Zerner
Anthony Casamento
Anita Sigmund

As I can purchase cheaper books from both the UK and US via the internet - even with the current exchange rates I strongly support this campaign as I would rather my money support Australian industry where possible. This is especially relevant with the economic stimulus package designed to boost retail expenditure in Australia.

Alison Yarker
Wendy Doolan
Andrew Forster
Michael Baxter
Lucy Bromell

I have purchased books online from USA as sometimes they are cheaper, even with the postage cost. I support fully the Coalition for Cheaper Books in Australia!!!

Dianne Wilson
Peter Fussell
Anna Oliveira
John Reid
Genevieve Brock
Dean Besley
Kellie Mcilwain
Melanie Gleissner
Julie Dean
Nina Epis
Heidi Linnenbank
Maria Gallipoli
Zaakiy Siddiqui
Lea Tuttle
Weiwei Wang
Susan Erglis
Carolyn Curran
Kristie Nimmett
Dale Dalton
Paul Whitehead
Wendy Jagiello
Tricia Keley

In spades!

Deborah Hamilton
Katy Yates
Iris Lahav
Kate Drummond

I support the need to ensure books remain affordable, they are essential for education and in these difficult economic times it is critical that consumers have choice and value for money

Whole-heartedly supported!!! Books must be affordable. Good luck!

Margaret Wallen
Melissa Furmedge
Therese Watson
Melissa Holyoake
Norma Nicolas

I believe that books are a nurturing tool for any age and it reflects adversely on a country and society that because of any reason makes the joy of buying a book of choice (and the delightful feeling of taking it home with the promise of many enriching hours) prohibitive. I feel very strongly that even two income families with quite high disposable income and a family would question the cost of buying every time they wish to purchase a book for themselves or their family because of the prohibitive cost. I do not think the cost of buying a book should ever have to be justified but because because of the exorbitant prices make it a decision to be justified. Thank you - I am pleased to be able to take part in this submission.

Lynn Plunkett
Tatum Crowie

I would much prefer to buy books from a local book store (Dymocks, in fact) than order overseas from Amazon (which I regularly do). But the fact is that I can get a book for around \$10 or \$15 AU delivered from Amazon that would otherwise cost me over \$25 or \$30 from any source in Australia! How does this make sense? Convenience is worth something but not that much! Best regards and good luck,
Ann Thresher

Ann Thresher
Alexandra Williams
Kristie Seale

Kerry Palmer
Siew Law
Lenora Reeves
Julia Ivkovic

As a prolific reader and buyer of books, I fully support the Dymocks submission.

Christine Wood
David Page
Joanne Grange
Jackie Faiella
Robert Gillingham
Danielle Farmer
Ann Taske
Lily Buhinjak
Bronwen Issitt
Merrick Mahoney
Anne Allen
Jesse Skinner
Kalon Edser
Zayna Zammit

If the art of storytelling through books is lost, then what a sad, sad world it will become.

Michelle D' Amico

the books i love to read are not available in my local librarys so i have to buy them from my local bookstros. if books were cheaper then i would be able to read more of the book that i love and so would many other Australians
As a parent of 5 children I have experienced the excessive cost of text books over the years and I feel that the removal of restrictions on parallel importation would be a very good move in this regard. As an avid purchaser of books for reading and enjoyment, I also support this move.

Vicki Guinane
Andrew Balnaves
Beata Buczek
Berit Hurst
Jenene Peach
Michael Stephenson
Mark Peach

Richard Petrucci
Amy Harrison
Kathleen Quartermaine
Andrew Preece
Marnie Kingston
Rebekah Peach
Vivienne Collins
Mollie Flood
Elizabeth Peach
David Hoffman
Ningshuang Hu
Marlon Ornek

As an avid reader, I am also concerned that the rights of authors be protected. This can, however, be achieved at the same time as measures are taken to reduce the cost of books to the consumer. I support the call from the Coalition for Cheaper Books to enable them to purchase within a fully competitive world-wide market.

Rhonda Taylor
Jana Lai
Emma Rowland
Jan Pretty

I often buy books from Amazon .com and its even cheaper than buying from Austrlian bookshop despite the additional postal costs. This is stupid....because the current laws do not allow me to HELP Asuusie bookshops ...the laws force me to deal with US sources.

Meng Yap
Mick Jones
Raewyne Watson
Olga James
Jenny Chee
Angela Sassone
Surabhi Jain
Greg Dumbrell
Caroline Simmons
Ben Shuker
Diana Velkova

It is a great idea, especially for few years old books. Cheers, Diana Velkova

We have to improve Australian literacy level. As a migrant I notice that Australians have now gained more knowledge about other cultures and this was achieved by reading books which available at cheaper prices (for example lonely planet's books are now much cheaper than what they were few years ago).

Umi Mostafa
Jessica Harders
Zoe Jenkins
Jodie Carlyon

I love Dymocks! :)

Phillip Edwards
Lian Vohralik

The price of books in Australia is ridiculous high, surely it makes sense to reduce the price and encourage more people to read.

Margaret Earnshaw
Harkiran Lalani

By keeping the pricing of books inflated the government is effectively reducing the chance of children and young adults reading a book - this in turn is causing a serious problem with todays youth, ie with spelling, articulation, grammer - all things that you will learn by reading.

Fatma Gulen
Alicia Maxwell
John Holm

How else is our youth of today, supposed to enjoy the classics and proper english, when currently texting and live web chats, have demolished the beautiful english language.

Why is it cheaper for my children to buy a DVD than the actual book the DVD is copied from? You can't encourage reading in this economic climate when prices are so high.

Jenny Andersen
Patricia Stavridis
steve Damhuis
Pam Bond
Rachael Artso
Joseph Raine
Sharman Lugton
Janette Marshall
Daniela Racheva
Ashlea Roach

As a librarian I whoeheartedly support this petition. sharman Lugton

The overseas publishers have somehow convinced local authors that they they use the excessive profits they gouge to help the local authors. To believe that, they must be delusional.

Thomas Morgan
Sabrina Males
Stewart Pullenger
Samuel Rosenthal

I'm all for cheaper books! People should be able to gain knowledge at the cheapest available price so as to help society move forward!

Sam Laming
Pamela Ortiz
Natalie Bush

Books help everyone from child to adults learn. Make them cheaper for everyone sake.

Mark Scott
Kerrie Buitendam
Jacqueline Horsman
Magalie Smith
Louise Vreeswyk
David McGechie
Kasandra Keanelly
Lynette Monaro

Bring the prices down so more people will buy books and read more.

Catherine Rodden
Phoebe Garrett
Loo See Toh
Joan Hummer
Mary Burns
Paula Ross

I am all for getting cheaper books. It will mean that people will more likely buy from stores here and support our retail industry instead of online at places like Amazon.

Andrew Jones
Bruce Maconachie
Gel Hannan

I wholly support Dymock's proposal. The industry should be structured in the best interests of the public and not the publishers. Thank you Dymocks.

Hilal Canli
Ben Corbridge
Mandy Fuda
Gloria Bellman
Anna Sprajc

Please remove the restriction on importing books so that we have access to a greater variety that is also reasonably priced.

Wendy Li
Carmel Reid
Catharine Keevill
Vivienne Shafto
Lesley Warren
Dianne Ferguson
Karly Stokes

We deserve cheaper books especially due to financial crisis. The competitive books market is good for us to enjoy the benefit and read more books.

Mary-ellen Keating
Nicole Paterson
John Mclean
Sharmila Prasad
Jackie Bullions
Andrew Bateup
Robyn James
Kate Duarte

I urge the Productivity Commission to look carefully at the removal of restrictions of parallel importation and the positive impact it would have on pricing. Book buying has become a very special occasion and less accessible because of price. Having a well read Australian population of all ages would be enhanced by having cheaper books.

Sandra Patterson
Rinsky Lawrie
Cassandra Clarey
Nicole Hyde
Sharon Morrison
Cecilia Mahon
Jane Sharbean

As a parent I would support cheaper books so that our children can have a wider range of reading opportunities, allowing for a defined family budget.

Thomas Rhodes
Sue Hurdle

As a librarian at a public school with a restricted budget I find it ludicrous that in this global market there are still archaic restrictions on the importation of books. Bookshops just cannot compete with the large chain stores who buy in bulk and offer up to 33% discount.

Donna James
Debbie Dickson

In the current and on going economic climate one of the first things to be sacrificed is book buying by the general public. This Australia can ill afford if we are to remain an informed and competitive nation. Think of our country's future and not just of today's profit margin and remove restrictions on parallel importation.

Roderick Bain
Meleanna Waters
Jenna Bowen
Susie Tzimas

As an avid book reader I have found that the cost of books has restricted my purchasing of them. I have become very selective on the books purchased. Working in a school library I have also found that we are spending less on FICTION books due to their costs.

Sharon Szeto
David Whatmough
Mike Dempsey
Jacki Wyper
Jodie Philippsen
Lynette Stenhouse

Books are the basis of education and need to be available to all, regardless of income level. The cheaper the book, the more likely people will buy them.

Anna Hutchison
Susan Wyatt

Nicole Cummins
Trent Williams
Gail Shaw

Interesting how books in Australia are 3 times, or more, the price of books in the UK.

Christine Mabbott
Christopher Albert

I read a lot of books but don't often buy new ones as they are too expensive. When I do buy new I mostly look overseas where they are much cheaper.

Joan Malgapo
Anne Atar

Everyone should be able to afford books! We should be encouraging everyone in Australia to read more, but putting the prices up will deter them from this.

Tamika Dean	Biarinec Alger	CHEAP BOOKS!! CHEAP BOOKS!!
Yvette Rebekah Ken Viola Anthony Amanda	Amaral Taylor Chant Parlongo Engelstad Howard	Just take a look on the internet and you can see how much cheaper the same book is overseas - even with our crappy exchange rate! I support cheaper books! I agree that all restraints on book buying and selling should be removed.
Karen Samantha Ferdinand Leeann Michelle	Wiltshire Larson Pilien Ball Bentley	As a University Student as a mature aged student, an avid reader with two children currently completing Years 11 and 12, the removal of restrictions on parallel importation would be a godsend. The majority of the text requirements for myself as a social sciences/humanities students are written and sourced from overseas, I feel I am able to access information due to affordability. Thank You
Anne	Delaney	Anything that can help make reading more affordable to the average person should be supported by the Australia Government.
Francesca C	Graham Roth	It would be fantastic if the cost of textbooks also come down. I am involved in adult education and the cost of the textbooks for a course could buy the student a second hand car! Not only that, every couple of years the textbook is updated (usually that's absolute rubbish) so it becomes a very expensive exercise for all concerned. IF the textbooks were cheaper our blood pressure would go down.
Louise	King	Cheaper books means better access to quality literature for all Australians, not just those that can afford it.
Margaret	Lawther	If we want to encourage reading and education then books must be cheaper than they are currently.
Wayne Jade Amie Margaret Greg Gail Sarah Alice Gail	Knox Garnett Jessop O'Shannessy Browning Gurler Steele Trevan Newholm	I think the import restrictions should have been removed years ago. to allow Australian companies such as Dymocks to be able to lower retail prices of books.
David Lynette Dona Ruth	Leach Bourke Di Giacomo Herr	I strongly support the Coalition for cheaper books campaign. It is grossly unfair that we have to pay "over the odds" for what is a very basic human right - to be allowed to read at a competitive price.
Patricia Amy	Grasso White	We have had to cut costs due to the economic climate and by doing so, some families are finding other ways to pass the time rather than going to the movies, outings and other costly pass times. When you read a book it can widen your imagination, educate you, bring romance or give you things to do such as craft ideas and recipes. Whatever you like and then you can pass the book onto someone else. So you have passed some quality time in an in expensive way.

Kellie Lacey
Deanna Jenkins
Thulasi Kanagasabai
Kerry Mcguire

I do find some of the prices ridiculous especially compared to the prices in the UK and the US.

Smithaa Subhash
Tamara Inkster
John Ashby

No.

If books were made cheaper more families would be able to afford them and subsequently children would be able to experience the magnificent world of language through books.

John MacPhee

It is absurd that I can order online from Amazon, pay postage, and still get the book cheaper than going to my local bookseller. The prices in-store are artificially inflated by gimmicks of this nature. It is a disservice to the consumer and it short changes Australian businesses. Australian politics need to consider more than a single bottom line! I support Dymocks and their stand.

Yvonne Jeary
Sharon Neradil
Andrea Monteiro
Leane Huffer
Nadiya Storojenko
Jennifer Kelly
Sam Quinlan
Lesley Wilkinson

Thanks for sending this message. Unless we are informed of these restrictions then nothing can be done. Go forth and conquer!

Nola Wallace
Lauren Fox
Elvira Badke
Douglas Reid
Sally Czaban
Julia Antiguiedad
Karla White
Kadey Platt
Erin O'Brien
Suzie Rayner
Emma Coure
Evelyn O'Meara
Gisela Weislehner
Simbiso Moyo
Hil Kooper
Colette Bannister
Paramita Dasgupta
Margaret Watts
Brian Cornish
Vanessa Rowe
adam cooney
John Sydenham
Erin Bagust
Susan Stephens
Ying Li
Camille Lynch
Gill Brzoska

I am assuming these savings would then be passed on to consumers?

will be moving to 45 Angorra Road, Mount Nasura, WA 6112, as of 22/4/09

Gemma Dunn
Gina Birkett
Robert Nicholas
Janelle Muddle
Andrew Katay

I am previously from the UK and have always wondered why Australians were being ripped off with the price of books. I am fully supportive of this campaign.

Bring it on

Jon Walsh
Alanah Standing
Joy Eastwood
Suzy Jones
Andrea Stanway

Les Loader
Geoffrey De Lacy
Jo-Anne Harrison

Les Loader
Stephanie Reeves
Pam Crabb
Amanda Matthews
Annie Bir

Vicky Quinlan
Marie Stockinger
Fiona Leworthy
Gloria Tommy

Anneliese Mathieson
Kath Damcevski

John Vohralik
Anthony Bailey
Tauri Fernandez
Sandra Ray
Camille Johnson
Deborah Griffiths
Diana Street
Renata Mazzone
Gay Boersma
Veronica Chow
Angie Galbraith
Caroline Sinclair

Susan Nancarrow
Robert Harvey
Catherine Richardson
Shannon Kenneth
Meredith Hopkins
Maria Marmora
Paul Page
Jenny Andrews

Book sellers need to be able to buy competitively in spite of Publishers international cartels and collusion. Remember book buyers in Australia through the internet can buy anywhere and will ignore the publishers cartels! I Know. Les
The current law is anachronistic. The current model militates against encouraging wide reading and just doesn't make sense.

Book sellers need to be able to buy competitively in spite of Publishers international cartels and collusion. Remember book buyers in Australia through the internet can buy anywhere and will ignore the publishers cartels! I Know. Les

I come from the UK and read on average a book every 2 weeks, more when I have the time. Since moving here I have been shocked by the price of new books, please make all books more accessible for everyone by reducing the prices!!!

The State Government is all for literacy at a children's level giving a free book to all 2 year olds - what happens later!!!!

Our son has disabilities & is in a special school & we see many children from his school who would dearly benefit from cheaper books, particularly for their educational purposes. The school too would greatly benefit, as they could source a wider range of reading materials

Those that choose to restrict books, will one day resort to "Burning Them"!

I read between 2 -5 books a week and regularly buy children's books for my grandson. As the stock at the local libraries is limited I often buy books and with a diminishing income am finding it more and more difficult, if books can be less costly by removing the restrictions on parallel importation I fully support it. In fact I can't understand why such a restriction was ever put in place.

Kamila Pajak
Kim Waygood
Betty Radcliffe
Treveen Brown

The act of restricting (book) imports is ancient non-economics and mocks the idea of a 'clever country'.

Edward Digman
Shelley Crowe

Given the availability of books through the internet from sellers such as Amazon.Com purchasers are able to import direct to the cost of local retailers, hence maintaining the barrier is arguably flawed. Secondly as a form of protectionism which costs the consumer in financially constrained times when discretionary expenditures are reduced it can only have an adverse impact on sales in the long term.

Maria Duchateau
Youssef Jabbour
Emma Rowley
Gaye Allison
Vivienne Hardie
Christine Nicholls
Laura Pearce
Cecilia Oswald
Nelly Poyuzan
Rodney Davies
Joanne Mitchell
Melissa Mullens
Marigold Magnaye
Colin Xanthis
Maureen Green
Elizabeth Brown
Nevan Edge
Jenny Burton
Roslyn Maxwell
Craig Sanderson
Veronica Peoples

Literacy will only improve with affordability.

Good luck, great for everybody if this goes ahead.

If this is the reason Australian booksellers are forced to sell books at a higher price then my support is even stronger. I prefer to buy from Dymocks, rather than stores such as Borders, but sometimes I just can't justify buying the same book for a more expensive price. I hope I am understanding this correctly.

Kym Nicole Casey
Anthony Verzi

We have been paying far too much for our books, for too long. It is time to remove the restrictions on parallel importation.

Beverley Walker
Helen Biven
Alex Ritchie
Vivre Roberts
Myra Merriman
Lisa Neville
John Ryles
Silong Lin
Jenny Whitehouse
Philip Young
Dianne Webb
Peter Williams
Colin Halliday
Katie McGill
Ngoc Thuy Truong

I strongly support the Coalition for Cheaper Books.

Good Idea! Books are often less than half price in the US.

I want this ruling to go ahead so that we (the Australian Public) have the right to purchase any book printed anywhere in the world, thus allowing to learn more about the nature and culture of other countries, even to learn other languages we seem to be lacking books of at the moment.

Jeffrey Parsons
Julie Williams
Nanette Frew

I believe that the removal of restrictions on parallel importation of books will have a beneficial effective not only on the price of books but on increasing the number of younger readers in Australia societ, and thus will be inline with the Australian Government's current education policy. For this reason this archaic restriction needs to be removed.

Ruth Henderson

Local distributors getting such a big profit just for being agents is an old fashioned idea. Let's have real competition and let's speed up the delivery time for overseas books!

John Mcrae
Justine Hodgins

These laws have long been a significant obstruction in the path of all book buyers, including, most importantly, schools.

Alister Wheaton
Suzanne Hogan
Emily Portmann
Josephine Faehrmann
Julia Atkinson
Anastasia Cartoni
Sarah Thompson
Celia Custance James
Jodie Van Loo
Michelle Canterford
Libby Beadle
Ann Hasnip

Books should be availabe as freely as possible to ensure that everyone has the best chance of life long learning.

Catherine Cahill
Philippe Brewster

the world is now a global economy and people buy book via the internet and even including postage it is cheaper then in australia. how is that fair to australian booksellers!

Martine Bruce

Cheaper books will encourage more parents to buy for children to improve literacy and love of learning. Cheaper books is a must for all lovers of reading and self improvement

Rhonda Gibbons
Stephanie Varley
Anthony Haines
Sharon Foord
Teresa Cunningham
Emma Rainbow
Gemma Purdy
Morgan Phillips

Cheaper books will stimulate the market hence more readers. Book Prices need to bring down to an affordable level such that poor people/students can pay and shares. This is also the ultimate intention for all the authors

Norma Chan
Marion Hall

This will encourage people to buy more books, read more, and their kids to read more.

Marianne Gardner
Kylie Chambers

Books and CDs are very different in what they offer the community and should not be treated the same. Books allow the human race to grow in numerous ways and if they were cheaper mayby the next generation would read rather than use the internet or texting each other in improper English. I am 33 and could not imagine my children being without books but at the current costs they will be a limited number in our house.

Sharon Thomson

Heidi Karen	Kohne Edwards	Do the right thing. Greed is killing this industry. Books form an integral part of learning, development, culture and stimulation within our society. The accessibility of these wonderful resources should be improved with price reduction to ensure that there is no discrimination for individuals within our communities.
Debbie	Auton	As a Booklover I believe strongly in the cheaper books' campaign for removal of restrictions on parallel importation and support the Coalition in this issue.
Joanna Duane Christine	Merton Shore Scott	Books are essential to life. An informed, literate and creative society can only come about if people have access to books. To own your own books is one of the joys of life. Everyone should have an opportunity to own a book.
Chrystine Catherine Janice Gaille Carolyn Kieth Voula Adam Jennifer Minnie Krystal Cathrine	Meador Pol Bodetto Sauls Walton Little van Dongen Kiriakidis Murray Delandro Cai Woods Mcinerney	
Rosemary HN	Crossland Sani	In the 'good old days' my public library would buy any new book that I requested - not only that, I was the first borrower of the book when it came in. That service no longer exists and I now have to purchase all my own books. As a reading addict, I find the cost of new books prohibitive - with paperbacks now costing around \$32.95. Anything that can be done to reduce the costs would be most welcome. Thanks.
Jade	Lowe	I've had to resort to buy books from overseas at times due to the pricing in Australia. How can local booksellers compete when it is cheaper to buy books directly from the USA over the internet even with the hefty postage costs? Books are important if we want Australia to remain the clever country. If the removal of these restrictions will make books more affordable, especially at this time when many people have much less disposable income to spend on non-essentials such as books, then they should be lifted. Your draft report which includes the recommendation that import restrictions should continue to apply for 12 months from the date a book becomes available in Australia is ludicrous. If someone wants a book, they want it now, not in 12 months time, when some non-fiction books may even be out of date. If we want to keep up with the world we need to be current and up-to-date
Josephine Rhonda Judy Peta Marie Bernadine Rosemary Kylie Sally Nina Claudine Annie Elizabeth Glenyce	Velte Galvin Aitkin Brown Nazerth Nyul Cork Barnard Hooker O'Halloran Lloyd Grey Meert	

The cheaper the books the more books people will buy. Surely this is good for the global economy.

Haydn Bowers
Linda Fidge
Lynette Gore
Beverly Jacques
Susanna Davie

It is currently cheaper for a consumer to buy multiple books from Amazon (US) and pay the delivery charges than to buy the same books in Australia without the delivery. It makes no sense - the parallel importation restrictions should be removed.

Joanna Hayward
Peter Teng
Stephannie Kirriwom
Anthony Saunders
Loma Servillo
Brendan Purvis
Alison Richens
Fiona Busuttil
Margaret Tye
Leanne Shields
Susan Monti
Tove Jorgensen

I moved to Australia from the US in 2005 and do not buy as many books as I used to do the price so I 100% support this petition.

Monica Tyson
Karen Burch
Anne-Maree Porter
Bev Sheridan
Steven Furlong
Mark Champion
Keith Jenkin
Tracy Hogg
Ursula Zajackowski
Elen Liew
Dyell Howard
Dave Dimmer

Great idea! While you're at it, remove the GST from books!

Pennie Coggiola
sarah Lindsay

Need to make books more accessible, especially to younger people, who do not seem to be reading as much, tending to get information via computers.

Adele Chynoweth
Frankie Woodward
Carl Butler
Kylie Liston
Angela Fry

This will support the Australian Government's ambition that by 2020, 20 per cent of higher education enrolments at undergraduate level should be of people from low socio-economic backgrounds. This campaign will also support the Federal Government's aims for social inclusion.

Filipa Marshall
Glenda Oakley
Christabelle Quadros

I rarely buy books from Australian stores unless I need them quickly. I usually buy straight from Amazon. Many of the books are computer text books - price difference US\$16.19 + US\$7.00 delivery or AU\$55.00 plus AU\$7.00 delivery

Li Li Fisher
Michelle Murray
Elizabeth Casey
Virginia Malcher
Sarah Allen
Richard Wilmot

It is absolutely unfair that books in Australia are most expensive than in the UK and US.

Trevor Leask
John Simpson
May Huang
Zoe King
Malcolm Densten
Eleanor Hooke
Len Walker
Jane McKenzie

The restriction on the importation of books unnecessarily inflates the price of the books, making them expensive, unaffordable and out-of-range in an ordinary person's budget. Many times, I have experienced visiting bookshops only to find books that I like so expensive and unaffordable that I left the shops frustrated and empty-handed.

Ivy Gonzales
Cynthia Thomas
Rosa Globan
Peter Gannas
Sue Moore

We need to get off the computer and back into books- the laws of supply and demand will ensure cheaper books more readers

Shaun Donohoe
Sandie Watt
Michael Vella
Carole Ferguson
Heidi Stonebank
Carmel Fitzgerald
Susan James
Bradley Wynne
Naomi Barnard
Courtney Oettman
Katie Hughes
Pamela McLachlan

Books should be a joy to buy and read, not a hassle
If/when books become cheaper more Aussie would read for pleasure.

Sarah Wong
Claire Patterson
Sharon Blevin
Danielle Annese
Jodie Olivier
Selena Purcell
Roger Clark
Emily Walker
Kate Webster
Jessica Lucas
Lee Sinclair
Richard Vadoz
Carole Heeley
Nicole Kendrick
sandra swaris
Fiona Henderson
Margaret Wilkinson
Helen Rizkalla
Samantha Hunt

I lived in the UK for many years and was able to buy books regularly, and whenever I visit there now I stock up! The price of books in Australia and NZ is extremely prohibitive and I believe it stops young people reading!

Andrew Smith
Peter Quaggiotto
Julie People
Herlin Kristina

I often order books from the US and UK because they are cheaper to buy even with P&H. I would much rather spend my money in Australia but not if the prices are too expensive.

Kenneth Chantelle Alice Chris Desiree	Sumner Coutinho Newcomb Mutton Sassanfar	The book reading public should have the right to purchase their books from whichever country they are published in.
Kimberley David Kaye Shane Fiona Betony Joanne	Hunter Savenake Eagle Scott Sheppard Dawson Lim	Everyone should be able to afford to read, reading is not something that should be out of reach to those who may come from hardship. Free Books!!! Books should be cheaper - remove the restrictions
Caroline Amanda Liz Kathryn Jan-Michael	Girvin Beattie De Morgan Kostitch Knapik	Having lived in the US, I have always wondered why books were so expensive in Australia. I agree that reducing the cost of books will make them more available and more attractive and could improve self-education and literacy.
Gerald Scott Desiree Erica Elizabeth Mark Anne David Sandra Marina Michelle Bill Yuming	Allen Martin Lowry Hendrawan Davey Hodsman Kalogerou Cornell O'Connor Camp Campbell Zheng	I support the fight against anti-competitive behaviour in the Australian book market. Completely agree.
Louise Lawrence Minna Glenice Fred Jenni	Firth Murphy Heikkinen Ballantyne Pobje Walker	My daughter reads a novel in about 3 -4 hours. It is expensive enough without sourcing product from international sources at our expense.
Logan Kerry Sophia Alicia Emma Elizabeth Sophie Hannaa	North Scotland Hellier Mackison Davis Alcock Phillips Adam-le Large	I read books all the time and I prefer to buy them new, it seems though that the average price for a good novel is now up to \$30 - \$40. I can not continue to pay these prices, not when I can get books cheaper on ebay or at 2nd hand book shops. If books are cheaper we would be able to buy more of them. We love books!
Lisa Fiona	Brunner Reynolds	How will our kids learn to enjoy the life of books, and imagination. I was bought up on books and when i have kids will i be able to show them the simple things in life because i can afford them, or will TV be cheaper and easier still!!! this is ridiculous!

Kerry Pocock
Virginia Broady
Bergen Dawson
Roslyn Anderson
Elana Bowman
Elaine Hone
Sharyn Baker
Karla Heggie

Cheaper books, means I will buy more of them

Carmen Pelling
Ingrid Bruderlin

Make books cheaper in Oz and it will stop people buying through international websites i.e. Amazon.

Ellen Manning
John Pearman
Patricia Mackenzie
Tammy Loewe
Anthony Weir
Suzanne Alford
Dixie-Anne Arnold
Paul Swaffield
Marlene Thomas
Guy Dallimore
Christine De Brito

The price of books discourages buying in Australia. My children love to read but I can't afford to buy them new books all the time and they have devoured books of interest in the local library.

Annette Gallagher
Chris Burgess
Julia Wilkinson
Jo Gammage
Idalia Butler

Surely if books are available at cheaper prices, more people will continue to buy them as our economy worsens. This may mean the difference between maintaining an Australian owned and based seller and having American multinationals taking over this niche of our market (as well as every other).

Nancy Chappell
Susannah Marchand
Lisa Baldacchino

I could never understand why you could buy books cheaper in America than you can here, now that I know the reason why I think its totally unfair. It slows a lot of people like me from indulging in our passion for reading as we cannot afford to buy as many books as we would love to. As long as the writer is protected I cannot see any good reason to stop bookshops from purchasing the books from where ever they can get the best deal, it means that we can buy more books and the shops make more money.

Dale Gatherum Goss
Julie-Anne McNamee
Kim Reynolds
Samantha Stanton
Brett Watson
Kerry Taylor
Maree Mccarney
Carlos Naves
Veronica Sullivan
Rebecca Feild
Susanne Howell

Not only do I read voraciously, I ahve always encouraged my children to do so; now, I encourage my grand children to do so. Cheaper books would make it easier to have a society which values knowledge and literacy

Sandy Wright
Kay Hardy

If we want to be the 'Smart country' cheaper books have to be a means to that end.

Lisa Smyth
Alexandra Marks
Michelle Twaddell
Don Wilson
Leonie Campbell
Tione Suker
Barbara Dodds

the cheaper the better

Books should be accessible to all and unnecessary costs abolished. The current system only encourages the purchase of books from overseas through online options instead of supporting local bookstores.

Gabriele Thomson
Nadene Wilson
Elizabeth Dixon
Kellie Fraser
Lucy Guaitoli
Ravi Nand
Gisele Karame

The increasing and inflated price of books has a detrimental effect on today's society. People no longer consider that buying books is an affordable option and hence the literacy levels of our youth is declining. When I was a child reading as a past time was common however today's youth tend to spend more time on the streets than reading. If book prices were more affordable for lower income level families we may see a decline in youth crime.

Donna Kirlew
Rochelle Petrie
Diana Jones
Virginia Platt

We sell our rural produce, on the world market, at world parity prices. Our currency is valued by the world market. Tariffs have been removed or substantially reduced. Our banks have been deregulated. I consider that our books should be available at the best price available, on the world market. RC Weston 8 April 2009

Robert Weston
Charlotte Nohra
Shannon Turnbull
Georgia Conn
Elizabeth Phillips
Linda Moore

Make books cheaper especially in today economic climate. this will also assist Australian writers.

Jill Mckay
Stephanie Johansen
Louise Shand

I would purchase more books if they were cheaper.

Very happy to see more competitive prices on books - however one thing that currently infuriates me is having to read books written in American English (I am happy to accept text books with this deficiency - but not novels) . I recently read a beautiful book by Paulo Boelho, The Alchemist, however I was constantly affronted by US English spelling!! - and to make matter worse this book was printed in Australia!! - no happy Jan - Isn't reading supposed to assist literacy? Whilst my staff are quite literate, I see way too much American spelling - so in this instance I would much rather see cheaper books sourced from the UK with correct English spelling - I would be happy to a little more so as not to have my senses insulted with US English spelling. Regards, Stephen Le Bas

Stephen Le Bas
Carly Plummer
Jeandre Viljoen
Jane Ciabattoni
Karen White
Jennifer Jenkin

Having access to cheaper books means having access to more books and therefore more ideas and that leads to a more informed personal life and the enrichment of social and civil discourse. If you live in Brisbane where you can see 3 operas a year you are not as informed about opera as a Sydneysider who can see 11. It is no different with books and ideas.

George
Kaaren
Anne

Shaw
Tong
Colla

After travelling to America and Canda and seeing how cheap the books are over there it made me wonder why Australians have to pay so much now i know and we should be doing something about this so good on ya Dymocks

Nicole
Ingrid

Hodgson
Kacir

Claudia
Greta

Clamer
Cunningham

if making books more affordable encourages more reading - is thsi not a good thing?

we are trying to encourage our children to read widely but the price of providing adequate reading material in the homes or in the schools is preventing many students from sampling the different genres out there.

Jacquie
Sue
Susan

Precious
Cotterell
Abbott

I live in a remote NT town with no bookshop. With the costs of postage already quite dear, cheaper books would mean I would be able to buy more and more frequently. Once I have finished a book that I do not wish to keep, I donate it to my local library which then benefits the rest of the town. We would all win from cheaper books!

Sarah
David
Karen
Jane
Kelli
Ling
Sarah
Pedro
Jeanette
Tania
Laura
Simone
Christine

Hanks
Nguyen
Reading
Dempster-smith
MacDonald
Wong
Dillon
Mihailou
Stiens
Wilson
Jarvis
Larmer
Tyler

As a full time student who recently developed a passion for reading, it is difficult to set aside money for novels when my current textbooks alone cost over \$100 each. Other factors such the use of public transport also affects my weekly budget. Increasing the price of books would account in the demise of this recently found hobby.

Aileen
Sharon
Stephanie
Julie

On
Coutman
Limoges
Stevens

Reading is food for the soul! Make it cheaper

Reading is the one thing that many people who are housebound or for other reasons are unable to utilise social situations. Lets give everyone of these people and the rest of the reading population the opportunity to have access to cheaper books.

Ruth
Christos
Royden
Bill
Cindy
Yvette
Tracey
Erika
Peter

Imer
Schoinas
Hole
Anastasopoulos
Lazenby
Simunic
Abreu
Robinson
Whelan

Anything we can do in this country to make education more accessible, especially to those who need these tools the most, who are already struggling to pay essentials, HAS to be done.

Bernadette Frieling
Lily Baum
Amanda Wain
Katrina Kapeleris
Melissa Fishburn

As long as we don't hurt the authors - then I support you.

I would prefer Australians buy their books locally rather than see my friends and colleagues go around the current laws and buy directly from overseas suppliers such as Amazon. We need books to be as cheap as possible if we want the current electronic generation to have more than an sms type vocabulary

Jennifer Wager
David Murray
Robyn Watts
Anita Mitchelhill
Scott Lawler
Scott Norton
maddison Chapman
Linda Claudi McMaster
Nisha Ryan
Danielle Cox

An industry that needs support!

Gillian Appleby-edge
Ian Mcminn

I think the submission would be a great advantage to readers all over the country and it should be upheld.

Books have been over-priced in this country for years.

To the Productivity Commission, I fully support this petition. Having spent some time working and holidaying overseas I have personally seen the difference in pricing of the same product across various markets. In today's more global environment the Australian public should not have to endure restrictive trade practices that result in having to pay more than a reasonable market price for a product. We should be doing everything possible to encourage people to read more. Lower prices may well provide that extra incentive. You have the opportunity (and power) to rectify this situation.

Les Spindler
Christie Gee
Sasha Joura
Debbie Betts
Karl Micek
Letitia Kelly
Helen Boyd

less and less people do reading now as books are too expensive. I support removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Tina Huang
Debra Chapman
Amanda Kubach
John Brown
Halina MacQueen
Rosie Terry
Kate Lottkowitz
Maureen Brown
Matthew Brown
Michelle Gregg

This is long overdue!

Georgia Caralis
Beverley Bell
Bradley La Franchi
Alexsandra Lyall
Carole Stacey
Mikayla Bennett
Carly Messenger
Karen Quah

I can purchase books and get them posted cheaper from America even with our dollar the way it is. Its a joke. I would rather spend my money IN Australia
Yes I agree that books should be cheaper so that everyone can afford to read.

Michael	Clarke
Briana	Dewar
Lena	Lee
Corey	Brown
Lucia	Coletta
Didi	Von Wiederhold
Susan	McArdle
Peter	Brown
Maryanne	Laws
Florence	Thum
Megan	Lewis
Rita	Murer
Elizabeth	Rose
Wayne	Brown
Kim	Thomson
Elyssa	Haratsis
Elizabeth	Waygood
Darren	Joss
Jennie	Cederholm
Bryanna-leig	Hall
Jade	Freeman
David	Spasojevic
Lisa	Douglas
Linda	Brown
Darryl	Shaw

As a dedicated book lover I support Dymocks Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign. We need to keep everyone reading!

Penelope	Wright
Guy	Evans
Robert	Keay
Doris	To
Anthony	Albuquerque
Maria	Vazanellis
Rosa	Carpio
Lisa	Mcdonald

I've always wondered why books were more expensive in Australia and recently have been talking with friends about this. We are all avid book lovers however always felt books were too expensive. So it is timely that Dymocks is leading this initiative. Being from the UK I know that books are much cheaper there and how much cheaper it is to order books online. This is not good for the Australian book industry so I fully support the 'Coalition'.

Laurie	Price
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The price of books, which is obviously unnecessarily expensive, stops a lot of people buying. I'm one of those people, despite the fact I love books! What the Coalition for Cheaper Books is doing makes sense. At a time when the Government wants us to do our bit for the economy and spend, this will help encourage people to do just that. Lets hope good sense prevails? Liliana Marinucci

Liliana	Marinucci
Rachael	Clarkson
Neil	Jaques
Justine	Cameron
Amanda	Frankland
Tricia	Whealy

i agree the books i like i have to order from the UK and it gets quite expensive and it would definatly help if they were cheeper

Wayne	Sadler
Yelli	Kruger
Kathy	Newett
Debra	Giles
Jane	Ferguson

Linda Mcfadden
Evelyn Huszar
Kate Hutchinson
Greg Hart
Ania Mazurkiewicz
Simon Jones
Chad Dearle

I would love to purchase more books and read more, but at present with price increases I have put myself on a budget and books have now become a luxury. I have just found out I am pregnant, therefore there is less more for luxuries now. I would love to be able to afford more books not only for myself but for my new addition as I believe it is important to share your love of books with the next generation.

Theresa Melia
Fiona Meyer
Sharyn Porter
Kathryn Martin
Kieran Haakstad
Joan Newbury
Elizabeth Bohlmann

Absolutely - I'm sick and tired of paying over inflated prices for books when I know they are cheaper abroad. I deliberately do not buy books online because I like to help keep the Australian economy flowing.....

Patricia Doobay
Hayley Crowshaw
Leah Tracey Peakman
Aleasha Newby
Christine Best
Donna Dalziel
Katherine O'Brien
Alex Page-robertson
Robert Appleton
Latoya Donnellan
Geoffrey Wilson
Jacqueline Priest
Ann Skarratts
Judith Astall
Robert Taylor
Barbara Shannon
Ashleigh Minotto
Kim Arlington
Shelley Cooper
James Purves
Anna Wood
Karen Knight
Karen Steenmuis
Gautam Karekatte
Peter Reed
James Purves
Damian Black
Georgia Barlow
Wendy Price
Enid Selvey

Books need to be less expensive to encourage children to start reading and continue their reading throughout their lives. It is hard enough to get them reading now with all the TV and digital games they are exposed to.....don't make it harder.....instead encourage reading!!!!!!

Karen Linton
Michelle Fung
Sue Doolin

Juliana Crofts
Jennifer Lim
Michelle Sinclair
Craig Tilley

I would love to be able to buy more books for my children to read and increase their enjoyment of reading, knowledge and mastery of the English Language. I'm restricted in the amount of books I can purchase due to prices of books being higher than what they could be.

Dianne Giatzoglou

I buy a lot of books online from other countries because we can't get some of the authors or titles in this country. I whole hearted support this proposal.

Kris Isemonger
Katrina Thai
Michael Ross
Rachel Sabatino

Shu-pyng Yeh
Kim Beard

I have enough always carrying loads of books back from overseas because they are cheaper abroad!!!

Anastasia Flanagan
Peter Lawley
Susan Miles
Anna Murray
Joan Astorquia
Madeleine Murray
Michael Beaumont
Tressy Andrade
Jenni Smith
Peter Murray

Unless one has a good income buying books has become out of reach. I cannot buy books for my grandchildren or books for myself. I have given up reading literary reviews because it takes ages before such books are available at the library and I can't afford to buy them. Books are my great love, solace and education.

Marg Rae
Jessica Murray
Janelle Gibb
Jillian Kneebone

I read lots of books, although the price of them is now making them a distinct luxury. If the price were cheaper, I'd probably buy lots more!

Janice Heinrichs
Sharon Murray
Tehla Bower
Nadia Dobromilsky
Yueheng Ning
Elizabeth Blyth
Lisa Walker
Erika Sauzier
Ambra Perry
Vince Abelardo
Taryna Wawn
Alan Dodds
Deanne Abolins
Elaine Neeson
Hendrik Egberts
Amanda Hanks
Monika Whitmore
John Dunn
Elyse Goldfinch
Andrea Wilkinson

As a pensioner and avid reader of books any reduction in cost of books by removing the restrictions on parallel importation would be welcome.

Thank you for the opportunity to support your efforts on our behalf.

I am buying more and more books online through internet sites based overseas. Even with postage taken into account it is still a lot cheaper than buying from your local bookstore which is a shame. I would rather support a local bookstore than an overseas provider but at the end of the day it's what is cheapest especially in this economic climate.

Penny Garland
Rashida Tayabali
Pirjo Kennett

As my grandchildren become booklovers, I support anything to help make books more accessible to them - and to me.

Jill Fisher
Mark Neilson

The price of books in Australia is scandalous when compared with Europe and the US. The current arrangement simply supports price fixing, a practice which is illegal in most advanced countries, but not Australia it would appear. Import restrictions which apply for 12 months from the date a book becomes available in Australia are an impediment to free trade. How can the Federal Government be taken seriously in the Doha rounds if they are basically saying "Do as I say." not Do as I do."

Rebecca Mammen

Paul Carew
Adrienne Kellock

Any price rises inflated by benefits to overseas publishers will further erode Australian kids' time away from TV sets & computer games.

Una Way
Helen Crosland
Stephanie Wood
Erin Grimshaw
Fon - Yi Lee
Dana Djukic
Kathryn Burton
Kathryn Evans
Philip Dew

I support this petition. Make books cheaper.

Cheryl Brumfitt
Tegan McComish
Tamara Ann James
Silvia Saint-Blair
Julie Spokes
Jan Johnson

I will sometimes buy books from Amazon simply because it is cheaper to do so than buying in Australia. This is unfair and I shouldn't have to wait if the book is available.

Melanie Corner
Vena Murray
Robyn Gillman

I think people will read more, especially new release books, if they can get them at a more reasonable price.

Brianna Fulcher
Alexandra Russell
Jean Jacobs
Peta O'Meara
Elizabeth Alderson
Ceri Foster

I love reading new books and it's ridiculous that we pay more in Australia. Good luck with the petition!

Susan Cameron
Marcia Breen
Michelle Orme
Rachel Foster
Robyn Newman
Greg Laver
Michelle Anderson
Lance Giles

If parents cannot afford to buy books for their children then the next generation will never know the joy of reading. I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

knowledge should not cost any more than it does now

Dougi	Kinght	
Helen	Fitzgerald	
Kara	Schrader	
Moiya	Pyke	I think that we should be allowed to purchase cheaper books as we would be able to buy more for the same money spent at present. Moiya
Colin	Rochester	
Karen	Stanford	Love to read and would buy more if they were cheaper
Kris	Anderson	
Sharon	Morris	
Fiona	McLellan	Great Work Dymocks keep it up.
Jason	Williams	I support this proposal inso far that it passes on reduced book prices to Australian consumers and does not simple increase the bottom line of the retail book shops.
Luke	Miller	The publishers have, over many years decided that Australians can be exploited on the pricing of books. Stop them having these extortion powers and open up the book market so that people can enjoy books without fattening the wallets of these unscrupulous publishers.
John	Selby	
Nobin	Koirala	
Sarah	Essey	
Andrew	Pitcairn	Surely it's better for people to buy books in Australia than buying them from Amazon and overseas where the money goes out of the country?
Catherine	Williamson	
Sandra	Lovell	
Christine	Lever	
Cassandra	Turnbull	
Agi	Niewiada	
Nancy	Bonham	
Mark	Cochrane-holley	
Stephanie	Cook	
Annabel	Dawson	
Leah	Andrews	
Alla	Tsypin	
David	Boekee	
Jodi	Paolucci	
Belinda	Smith	Why can I buy a book for \$8.00 USA and on my return home find the same book for \$22.50 AU
Jennie	Healy	
Debbie	Randall	Cheaper books will ensure that my book money stays in the country rather than leaving via Amazon.
Michael	Gebicki	
Trent	Boekee	
Melissa	Letham	
Swassi	Kumar	no comments
Kristy	Boekee	
Linda	Neely	
Francesca	Muir	
Amel	Ouamara	
Janine	Robertson	
Trish	Boekee	I believe that competition will drive down the price of books for Australians. I love reading and believe that we should make reading more affordable so young people can develop the pleasure.
Adrian	Stage	Why are readers being in effect PUNISHED when our government is trying to encourage the literacy of our population?????
Kirrilie	Schluter	
Gabrielle	Clara	
Sandra	Franchetto	

Kellie	Smith
Mary	Mirfield
Lidia	Nemitschenko
Iva	Vukojevic
Isabelle	Potter
Carly	Boekee
Angela	Kyriakoulis
Nellie	Scanlan
Cecilia	Gatto
Christine	Kearton
Julie	Wright

Books should be accessible to purchase for all Australians so that people are able to keep their own personal interest books at home and pass them onto the next generation

Amy	O'Donoghue
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You need to provide cheaper books with the economic crisis the way it is. People will stop buying books if they continue to be too expensive and this could lead to a decline in interest in reading and further education.

Lorraine	Dorrington
Jan	Pashby

I love reading and would certainly appreciate cheaper books.

Amanda	Hall-griffin
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My children love books but the price is often prohibitive of being able to buy them more.

We recently travelled to the US and could not get over how much cheaper books were. We found ourselves buying many more books for ourselves and our daughter. Books that were around \$10 there are over \$30 here! A short novel for my 9 year old would be \$5.99 in the US and can be over \$20 here. As a result we spend much less on books in Australia and tend to borrow them instead or buy second hand.

Melissa	Parks
Di	Carter

As a UK citizen who has lived in Sydney for 9 years, I have always wondered why books here were so much more expensive than the UK. Almost double the price in fact, even taking into account exchange rates. Now I know. I love reading but the prices do make me stop and think before buying a book, especially new releases. Come on Australia (and the Productivity Commission) - give everyone the incentive to buy books!

Sara	Hall
Christopher	Tognela
Fiona	Lawrance
Beverley	Eliith
Cara	Gordon
Andrew	Harrison
Sheryl	Pearce
Jennifer	Slaviero
Erin	Bell
Jane	McDonald
Shane	Saunderson
Kate	Walter
Richard	Lawler
Michael	Christie
Brian	Miller
Bernadette	Horvat
Raziye	Yilmaz
Anne	Harrop
Joanne	O'Loan
Toni	Jenner
Terry	Armstrong
Pete	Newman

Elizabeth	Mcperson
Lee	Devereux

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation

Please stop this crazy pricing scheme. I would rather buy books from Australian booksellers, but I currently buy the cheapest I can - online through international mail order companies. This is not how a world-class country should be encouraging business!

Brigette Muller
Joanne Emes
Mirjana Regulic
Rebecca Walden

Reduce our beloved books please!!!!

I very rarely buy books in Australia - I go to Amazon instead!!! Much cheaper even after the exchange & delivery costs!!!

Di Hoskin
Stephanie McManus
Ellen Pope

Let us not put knowledge further out of the financial reach of the most disadvantaged. At the moment you need to be in full employment with a well paying job to enjoy the luxury of buying books, especially new editions. I have four children and a husband who was out of work so I know all about it. All parents want their children educated and the best education is self education for life. This comes primarily through books. Information through the internet is limited and sometimes of questionable authenticity.

Janet Cook
Brenda Dollisson
Geoff Clifford

If books were cheaper, more people would buy them.

As our political leaders have reminded us, protectionism of any kind is dangerous, especially in the midst of a global recession. The current laws preventing the importation of books other than through Australian subsidiaries or agents of overseas publishers is outdated and unfair to consumers. Books, like other products, should be available to Australians from the most competitive market.

Gorm Kirsch
Frances Neil
Emma Elliott
Amy Mckenzie
Julie Oliver
Rhonda Colvin

Good luck with the petition.

Paying \$32 for a paperback is ridiculous. It puts people off reading because they can't afford to buy the books.

Elizabeth Rebbeck
Brett Younger
Elizabeth Coutts
Jennifer Morsby
Holly West
Janelle Green
Rosemarie Strange
Anita Shemon

Georgea Theodoridis

This sounds like a great idea considering Kevin Rudd gave us all this stimulus money perhaps now its time to make it easier for our suppliers to bring in cheaper books.

Reading is one of the few enjoyments I have. It is wrong to have extra costs on books. We should be paying on an equal footing as the rest of the western world. But no. If there's a way to introduce a tax, politicians are for it. Shame on them.

Denise Tracey
Michelle Abreu
Jacinda Polley
Meeghan Webster
Rebecca Roomes
Jonathan Kuleff
Sarnia Rusbridge
Meredyth Hayes Bell

We need to encourage people to read. We can do this by making books a necessity rather than a luxury. Everyone needs to be able to have NEW books.

Sandi Wright
Nikki Fyall

Teena Foster
Kaitlyn Laurenson
Jane Fraser
Heather-May Koorey
Alessio Longhi

The prices of books these days are ridiculous. I am spending 60 dollars for 1 hardcover. Absolute rubbish.

David Hopkinson
Benita Simons
Kaylene Allison
Jennifer Lalor
Bridget Cooper
Rebecca Halse

Books should be cheap so that we can buy lots and not have to really worry if we're spending our bill money. :P

Cassandra Tilley
Judith Briggs
Helen Rand
Annette Wood
Lauren Baker
Michael Taylor

Surely the growth in Australians' accessing overseas online book suppliers indicates the need for change?

Garriock Duncan
Cheree Reichl
Gavin Cantlon
Aoife Tansey
Shafia Malak
Miranda Summers

Books are the only thing that will never be replaced by technology. I am glad that someone is fighting for easy access to more books. I don't know what I would do without the written word. Thank you!

Louise Bremner
Preema Kabir
Alice Sclanders
Elena Svanberg
Maria O'Keefe
JANET BUTLER
Beth Gemmell
Michelle Thomas
Vanessa Pow
Catherine Graham
Lisa Evans
Rebecca Craig
Amy Kharman
Nicky Coskinas
Nirali Amin
Susan Dreyer
Craig Herronn
Lucy Carmona
Carmel Anderson
Tania Lindenmayer
Martin Walter

I believe books are more expensive than they need to be.

Clare Glover
Malena Davies
Sandy Barri
Sarah Young

I love books but the price is far too expensive in Aust compared to other countries.
no comments

Michael Bates
Tamara Wade

Cheaper books are better for everyone. Don't keep Australia in the Dark Ages. John Howard spent too many years doing that.

Georgina Flux
Michele Brown
Jennifer Hibbens
Carol Layton
Christine Murphy
Jackie Crispin Brown
Kathleen Cuthbert
Graham Flux
Caroline Hutchison
Pat Gallagher
Bronwyn Butler
Marian Cutler
Micheala Wimetal

The cot of books prohibits me from buying many books I would like to acquire.

As a teacher we should be looking for all the ways to get books into families and if this helps then I'm absolutely for it. Too often our young students don't read because they don't have access to reading material in the home.

Dianne Reed
Mike Porra
John Alvey
Ann-Marie Phillips
Jenny Giroud
Sharon Money Penny
Wendy Thomas
Phillip Brownscombe
Kerryn Miler
Marta Kozera
Lynette Willet
Christine Higginson
Pat Gabrielides
Sarah Plater
Barbora Muzikant
Louise Parker
Douglas Purdie
Janette Banford

Books should be as inexpensive as possible to encourage reading in people of all ages. It is the backbone of education and enlightenment.

Nola Rice
Kristy Simmonds
Cynthia Zhang
Suzanne Loveland
Jane Bulter
Elina Filo
Linda Keane
Joshua Gibbons
Maria Pteris
Marianne O'Meara
Amy Jeffcoat
Ngoc-minh Lu
Yvonne Kristel
Sonja Davie
Mary - Ann Holgate
Rebeckah Poole
Valerie Vicich
Betty Siemaszko
Mel Ross
Susan Austin
Morgan McDowall
Denise Reading
Abigail Tamsi

Mark Merry
Martin Calderwood
Serena McMurray
Leila Halawe
Margaret Somerville
Julie Bonello
Joan Lewis
Teresa Davis
Danyelle Buller
Sally Davidson
Paula Waggoner
Raeleyn Politis
Jane Shelling
Jordan Arkinstall
Virginia James
Dianna Paphitis
Sharon Solomon
Michelle Barr

I support this.

Eileen Ferguson

I love books and I find the price of them in Australia prohibitive now. I certainly do not want them to be inflated any more. It will definitely stop me buying as many as I do at the moment

The price of books at present stops people from buying them, they go to their local library instead, or one person buys a book and shares it with others. If they were cheaper people would buy and keep books.

Mae Brown
Athena Paipetis
Jessica Jorna
Donald Kennedy

This might encourage younger/impoverished people to read more and improve their lives. BESides in the current economic times, it's nice to read a good book and escape reality for a few hundred pages.

Elizabeth Scott
Melissa Thomson
Rona Bhattacharya
Lauren Kennedy

The current prices are too high compared to overseas and the proposal that import restrictions should continue to apply for 12 months from the date a book becomes available in Australia will not result in cheaper books given that most books are purchased within 12 months of publication. Certainly I would almost always purchase a book in the first 12 months

Tracey Berger

For far too long Australians have had to pay a premium for books which can be bought much cheaper from overseas. The rise in purchasing via the internet (ebay, etc.) is a direct result of our much higher prices locally. I fully support any move to to allow these books to be bought in local businesses at reasonable prices.

David Jenkins
Tracie Battersby
Nathalie Sjoerdsma
Sharon Sutton
Carol Gibbons
Elda Ribeiro
Josh Roberts
Christine Moulis
Despina Strangas
Cara Payn
Carol Gibbons

It's about time the market started to become more competitive, and as long as copyright is still protected, why should we have to pay more for our books?

Kathleen O'Rourke
Nathalie Sjoerdsma
Jeanette Mower

Richard Edmonds

It is time for a parallel playing field and at the moment people who prefer to read and/or collect the written word are disadvantaged when compared to other forms of electronic. It is only fair and reasonable to make books as cheap as possible.

Des Silvester
Roy Kassab
Elizabeth Bednall
Leanne Duffield
Stephanie Natale
Susan Gilroy
Emma Paton
Benjamin Slaughter
Lesley Pike

I agree it is time we had a better deal with books, as consumers. I import most of mine directly, as an individual.

Dr Benjamin Pittman
Tutis Pereira
Judith White
Lakshmi Vasudevan

Nicole Morris
Alison Dear
Christine Smith
Marie Whiteoak
Jill Sanders
Lesley Sandford

Australians should not be financially disadvantaged for wanting good books to read

Martin Western
Nadia Hutton
William Wacher
Narelle Moody
Jayne Fell
Helen Woods
Ben Bonita
Kate Tietjen
Sandra Brodie
Richard Hunter
Coni Laranjeira
Louise Hawkins
Jane Benham
Fiona Morgan
Christine Mckenzie
Lesley Holland
Denise Lehmann
Alison Huang
Gary Murphy
Vicki Smith
Jill Cartan
Ursula Clark
Glenn Turner
Emma Maguire
Paula Wilson
Stephen Brockman
Mary Pesec
Lisa Benny
Maithili Mehta
Patricia Murphy
Victoria Crawley

I find the price of books here very expensive, as a british expat I rely on relatives to send books to my children to keep up with their demand!

Marion Kiven
Geraldine O'Loughlin
Amy Williams

We are regular readers, Margaret is an avid reader and has at times "balked" at the prices. Anything that can be done to reduce the cost without diminishing the authors benefits would be welcome.

Monte Pollard

Currently I buy many of my books directly via Amazon so Australian retailers are missing out entirely. Freeing up the import laws will allow me to spend more money in Australia

Stuart Leetham
Craig Bumpstead
Hannah Jermyn
Gareth Chandler
Marion Kiven
Daniel Molloy
Bjorn Leffler
Gail Schwarze
Jenny Wholohan
Stephen Cook
Leeanne Terry
dorothy o'reilly

about time i think

If books were made cheaper, it would encourage more books to be sold and hopefully result in more people reading. If Literacy is such a problem in this country, perhaps have a think about making it more affordable for people.

Mandy Dominello
Victoria Tester
David Speed
Helen Ross
Chris Mcdowell
Robert Hoogland
Kate Stevenson
Robert Janoska
Heather Dunwell
Tessa Flaherty

It is completely unreasonable to increase the cost of knowledge by supporting monopolies. Look at the the internet firm Amazon which can ship book to Australia cheaper than we can buy them here -- it is long overdue that this law is scrapped.

Michael Hockey
Maria Moren
Deborah Mulqueeney
Jennifer Clifton
L Thompson
Pamela Gonzalez
Daniel Krix
Kevin Hutchinson
Karen Kidd

I work at a high school and the high price of books restricts the number and quality of books available to our students.

Linda Stindl
Nada Bosnjak

Reading books keep people literate and mentally healthy - a major part of being a smart and healthy nation.

Jo Tedja
Leanne Torr
Remey Shand
Leslie White
Phil Turner
Janine Fenney
Debbie Wiggins
Lisa Klem
Helen Bryen

Kim Louise Turner
Darren Woolley
Magdalena Nacheff

It's about time there was equality in book purchasing rights!

Books should be cheaper to encourage people (especially young people) to read instead of spending all their time in front of a computer screen. Also, if more books are sold authors will be able to continue writing as they will not need to get other employment to feed themselves and their families.

Jean Beha
Simone Wheeler

It is very important that Australia should be able to sell books here for competitive prices. The situation has existed whereby books could be purchased from overseas and even when airmail postage was included in the price it was still cheaper than purchasing the same book over the counter in Australia. This is ridiculous and results in a huge disadvantage to our Australian booksellers. Please take steps to remedy this situation by removing restrictions on parallel importation. Want people to read more? Here's how.

Roxalanne Wisbey
Amanda Hunt
Lyn Ireland
Richard Ferguson
Marie Roberts
Keith Barker

As an immigrant from the UK I was very shocked at book prices in Australia, I now only buy 3 or 4 books a year compared to about 24 a year in the UK .

Ann Marie Lee
Gillian Baggett
Jeffrey Pringle
Senya Westbury
Amanda Villani
Christina West
Anne George
Nicole Lewis
Cecile Wudicke

Thank you for your efforts.

Books are an essential part of self-education, in my humble opinion, removing barriers of price will stimulate higher purchase by a larger number of potential readers who will benefit from increased awareness and education.

Pedro Oliveira
John Broerse
Marea Allen
Philippa Bell
Hayley Mason
Kylie Morgan
Peter Whitfield
Kerry Wilson

As an avid book buyer, I totally support this proposal. Is it not better to support our local booksellers than purchasing cheaper at a myriad of on-line bookstores overseas.

Shavanthi Wickramasuriya
Christopher Burg
Carmel Zanella
Faith Austin
Annalisa Nyers
Jamie Dalziel
Dolores Langdon

Beverley Lee
Anne Marie Grahl
Jeanette Graham
Andy Roberts

The way the system is now must meet the Competition policy that Australia's has??

Books should be for everyone and not everyone can afford them as they are priced these days... if the prices are brought down, more people will buy books locally (rather than from overseas on the net) and local bookshops will remain viable and employing Australians.Bring on better pricing for books.

Sarah Johnston
Emma Darragh
Marie Chand
Yunlong Cui
Maureen Latta
Mai Lee Scruton
Tanya White
Todd Bonner
Caron Levingston

Reading is important. Australian educational standards are already on a downward slide. Help reverse the trend and allow books to be a necessity, not a luxury.

Petrea Campbell
Srdan Komadina
Bryce Greaves
Helen Williamson
Deborah Martin
Rachel Tapper
David Robertson

There are many Australian pensioners love reading that would be able to buy more books if the import restrictions were removed. Good Luck

Maureen Lutherborrow
Kerrie Fitzsimmons
Glorija Paskotic
Karl Webb
Elizabeth Allen
Kylie MacDonald
Katherine Brooks
Laurane Hoffman
Rebecca Jones
Samantha Gurusinghe
Lizzy Johnson
Antonia Dzida

I agree that books should be cheaper. I am on a reasonable income, but do not see the need to pay upwards of \$30 for a new release book. I also think the cost cost can be prohibitive to lower income families, and I would hope that reducing the cost would assist them.

Pat Fitzgerald-parker

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Cedo Vitor
Scott Mahony
Edwin Wecker
Ravi Vythilingam
Lyndell Newman
Carol Jeffs
Gina Zikos
Emma Cooper
Karen McGuigan
Meg Brodtmann
Amy O'Brien
Lisa Maxwell
Janice Chalmers
Tracey Milakovic
Kevin Jensen
Doris Stambolis
Zdenka Novak
Kim Delagarde

This should also apply to ebooks.

Dorothy Ashe
Katerina Phibbs
Romany de Silva
Cliff Rix
Marilyn Prusiak
S Kumar
Alicia Bartlett
Nicole Robertson

Julie Turner
Judy Sims

All people should be able to buy books at cheaper prices for the education and enjoyment of Australian booklovers.

It is hypocritical for the government to say it is encouraging reading and yet doing nothing to make access to new books at competitive prices as compared to most other English speaking countries

Margherita Curtis
Linda White
Jenny Colegrove
Trudie Collins
Elizabeth Chandler
Gregory Allen
Nikki Byrnes
Graeme Russell
Maureen Hiatt
Mitchell Fraser
Martin Brown
Sibella Sheedy
Laura Pearce
Gary van der Tuin
Bill Gillooly
margot brinkworth
Patrice Wookey

Remove import restrictions on books. Cheap books must be a good thing!

Helen Gillett
Jessica Dawson

Books aren't just a form of entertainment, but a form of knowledge and education, reading skills, and even therapy. If they are cheaper it helps bring this information to more people, giving our community a more 'level playing field' (by not just limiting books to the rich), in a similar way that public education does. Yes, we have libraries for this, but they can't always afford the latest books.

As a librarian, I feel that this law is unfair and restrictive, considering that many books are essentially read once, where CDs, DVDs, etc. are used many times. The price of children's book are also prohibitive and as I see it, can prevent many parents from buying books. And considering the need for raising literacy and improving children's reading, this regulation is ridiculous.

Amanda Rees
Erin Little
Robin Russell
Danielle Manning
Melinda Edwards

Jo Marashli
Brian Handreck
Bill Cowham

Reading is something that everyone should be able to afford, not just those that have the money.

Monopoly is bad, remove the restrictions.

Sue walker
Lawrence Wong

Books should be cheap there good for the mind and shouldnt cost heaps of money

Rose-marie Kilpatrick
Christine Higgins
Sally Tennant

Reading is a important part of life, however when books are so expensive it limits the amount of books you may want to purchase.

Francesca Jones
Marlon De Silva
Margaret Zaleska

I absolutely agree with cheaper books being made available in Australia. With increasing levels of illiteracy, removing any obstacles to education and knowledge can only be a good thing.
I thoroughly support this campaign.

Lisa Jasienski
Margaret Thornton
Julie Hanak
Sue Aird
Melissa Meulenberg
Bridie Wallace
Fahim Mohammad Omer
Shirley Chiller
Robert Zurynski

As an avid reader I agree that something needs to be done about curtailing the continual rise in the cost of books. In order to ensure the long term viability of this important cultural asset (literature) we need to remove all restrictions on parallel importation.

Philip Rouland
Ishwar Hegde
Cecilia Ng
Tanya Ottawa
Rose Leggett

The thing stopping me from buying more books is the price. Visiting the US recently made me wonder why novels and hard backs there cost \$7 when the same cost \$35 here... I look forward to starting my children on this hopefully lifetime habit but their books are equally "overpriced" - how can we encourage this in our children when the price hurdle prevents it? Clever nation?

John Sciberras
Natalie Cookson

I now have imported a sony ereader (not available to buy in Australia) as the cost of books was so high, and often a lengthy delay in waiting for publication here. I now buy most of my books online from international sellers as they are more than half the price even with a poor exchange rate! I was saddened to see that even ebooks in Dymocks were substantially higher in price than abroad. If the prices were comparable I would buy books here, when there is such a huge difference it is not common sense to buy books here when I can get them faster, and cheaper from an international book store.

Caroline Hawkins
John Griffin-Miller
Cathy Fahd
Karen Talkington

I have lived in other countries and books were so much more affordable. I used to buy a lot of books (a book would cost me for example a fourth of my hourly wage), but since coming home to Australia this has reduced to almost zero (as the cost of a book is now the cost of my hourly wage - four times more). I used to read a lot and now I don't. It is unnecessary for Australians to be charged so much more.

Sonja Bauer
Tieu Mai Luong
Brian McDonald
Denise O'Brien

Although I live in Vanuatu, I regularly visit Australia and buy books from Dymocks. Anything that removes restrictive practices would be very welcome, especially as most books I buy are from overseas.

L Cochrane
Joanne Lambert
Surinder Burji
Baoshan Zhang
Roslyn Readman
Chandelle Barlow
Paul Gilmore

Tracey	Collie	I am not a fiction reader. My interest is with text and reference books that relate to my work and as a hobby, books that relate to history. These types of books tend to be even more expensive.
David	MacPherson	
Felicity	Bowen	
Patrick	Pegum	
Gary	Butler	
Jenny	Forbes	
Laura	Booth	
Celine	Clech-Goods	
Ciaran	Martin	
Alan	Austin	
Leah	Orosa	
Myra-ann	Pickens	Prices are high for so much already. We don't need the price of our entertainment and relaxation going up too. If there's any way to reduce the price of books, do it. As a former student and an avid reader i believe we need to encourage people to read. Reading is dying out but if books were less expensive more people would access them.
Carol	Smith	
Marilyn	Kenney	
Melanie	Nguyen	
Ky	Hinselwood	To move our country forward, we need an educated public. Lowering the cost of books is an important part of this.
Felicity	Graham	
Simon	Mead	
Gia	Rebello	
Tony	Abboud	
Jenny	Mcgraw	I wholeheartedly support cheaper books. I encourage my son and daughter to read and am lucky that my daughter is obsessed with it. I try and buy her a book at least once a fortnight if not more should finances allow. I think reading is one of the most important tools for our children to learn from.
Melissa	Waters	
Cassandra	Hill	Don't we run the risk of putting local bookstores out of business if we don't adopt this strategy? I can order my books online and in some cases I am happy to wait, but people are tightening budgets and books bought locally might be the first thing to go with diminished disposable cash.
Anna	Lehmann	
Emma	Crane	
Priya	Karan	The magic and joy of books should be available to everyone, without having to break the bank!
Shelley	Griffiths	
Loraine	Clews	
Joseph	Homshaw	
Jaynie	Ah Yeung	I believe this will help further encourage people to enjoy reading more - education comes with books, that's what I have been taught
Sandra	Waters	
Laurel	Thiessen	
Sharon	Debreczeni	
Kimberley	Aiken	
Susan	Miller	
Jacqueline	Pigdon	
Jessica	Bulluss	
Joanne	Wudicke	
Stephen	Hartstonge	
David	Creegan	
Martin	McKee	
Katie	Cheesman	

Jo Anne Young
Diane Craven
Todd Hunter

I totally agree with the elimination of unnecessary tariffs or other costs. I travel frequently and notice how cheap books are overseas, especially in the US. I collect many books for my personal library and might spend \$5,000+ a year on books - most is going over the internet as I can buy much more at better prices than here in Australia. I'd much prefer to be spending my money here than overseas....so Mr. Rudd, think again on the tariffs and more people might buy local~!

Mark Bell
Andrew Meek
Helen Townes
Kirsten Randle
Paul Cooper
Leah Brock
Ian Craig Hudson

When the exchange rate was particularly favourable I purchased all my books from Amazon - which disadvantages Australian businesses. If the purchase price in Australia was lower, I would not bother to purchase overseas.

Fenella Briscomb
Federica Ra: Sakulsuvarn

The current restrictions have the effect of making access to many non-fiction books more expensive for Australians than for readers in other countries. This disadvantages Australians when it comes to remaining up to date with ideas and strategies detailed in the latest books to which overseas potential competitors have cheaper access. The one year restriction would do nothing to address this problem and Australian students, researchers and business people would continue to be at a financial disadvantage when it comes to remaining abreast with the latest published books in their fields.

Mark Kennedy
Robyn Greig
Grace Walker
ruth moxon
Maria Etheridge
David Anderson
Chris Jones
Helen Swift

Let's help the community develop a love for reading at a reasonable price.

I think the cost of books in Australia is most unfair.

Caroline Rhind
Melanie Meurant
Elise Mitchell
Glenn Morris
Alice Singleton
Kerry Lymn
Tracy Mcbain

I think the quality of bookshops in Australia is extremely high. However, the prices are not competitive with those in the UK (I don't know about the US). Therefore, when I want a book I frequently wait until I visit the UK or have a visitor from there to purchase books. This is fine for me, but not fair on those Australians who don't have that option or on Dymocks and the Australian book market who are losing out.

Kate Millar
Kym-maree Muller

The ridiculously high prices we pay for books in Australia is outrageous.

uncommon books are hard enough to find in Australia, please make this easier and cheaper

with the state of the worlds economic down turn, people trying to survive, Lives change in all aspects, Life can turn for the best though the written word. books can take you away from troubled times, some books give you A SMILE and others take you into another world' how many people will fall into despair, this will also increase suicide, but a cheap book could give THEM HOPE. have a life through the pages, please find it in your heart to keep the books At a PRICE THAT PEOPLE CAN AFFORD, You may change a life. kind regards Sue Brooker
we need cheaper books for you chidrens future..

Sue	Brooker
Jane	Murdock
Lynley	Cannon
Bruce	Lee
Margaret	Mcroberts
Natalie	Harvey
Darren	Fenner
William	Devison
Leigh	May
Julia	Hellyer
Leanne	Henderson
Henrywati	Sanusi-oon
Bronwyn	Loftus
Naomi	Evans
Kyle	Mcleary
Emily	Gillespie
Danielle	Bailey
Doreen	Scarlett
Venice	Perfinan
Vivian	Chan
Ligia	Ly
Paul	Oh
Helen	Naylor
Sifei	Zhu
Daniel	Macpherson
Bruce	Young
Lloyd	Downey

I am shocked at the disparity in prices between Australia and the UK and see it as an unnecessary restriction that inhibits people from buying books and could result in a lower level of literacy than in a more competitive market place.

Debbie	Delahunty
Robert	Nichols
Tim	Mc Donald
Gareth	Dickson
Serenella	Scaffidi
Melanie	Eggers
Gordon	Weldt
Edna	Bickford
Caseii	Green
Wilson	Luu
Brian	Moore
Natasha	Gittos

I support you !00%, it is time the restrictions were removed. I wish you good luck and I hope you succeed.

Susanne	Magner
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This is a very worthwhile cause which has a major impact on my purchasing books in Australia or sourcing the direct from overseas.

Lorry	Cole
Sarah	Iliffe

Kristine
Michael
Carl
Adeline

Holmes
Jenkins
Sartori
Peter

I am a teacher and most of my students have below than their level reading ages. It is important that books be available to all people of varying socio-economic backgrounds. I buy loads of books for my students to read this costs me a great deal of money as many of my students dont have books or any print in their homes. This is *long* overdue!

Adeline
Linda
Jason
Gary
Alina

Lim
Kelly
Enriquez
Meltzer
Irwin

Please lower the cost of books! You seriously hinder the chances for families to make books a regular part of their lives and leave book lovers no choice but to order books from overseas!

Victor Wai
Luke

Kuan
Yaxley

Books are essential for our education - the education of our children and the continuing education as we grow. It is an essential part of our development, both technologically and in the social context. It is therefore logical and socially responsible to make books cheaper as soon as they are available. To hold this back for 12 months is equivalent to slow down the development of our children, ourselves, the Australian Society for 12 months!!!

Daniel
Beth
Elizabeth
Martine

McAloon
Carrello
Rowe
Harris

buy books from Amazon all the time. If you want to stimulate the economy, let retailers be competitive here.

Shannon
Dipika
Debra
Pete
Diane
Michelle
Pauline
Belinda

Giblett
Pala
Thomsett
Kempshall
O'Sullivan
McIntosh
Platt
Foo

Being on a disability pension sometimes prices the books i want out of my reach and anything that helps me enjoy my favorite hobby more can only be a good thing.

Michael

Gibson

As a recent migrant "Pom" I have been shocked at the price of new books in Australia. As a result, I buy most of my books from the UK online through Amazon or Abebooks. Despite the postage, I save money! I would buy more here IF prices were competitive.

Mathew
Jessica
Diana
Anthony

Hardy
Besterwitch
Wang
Heiermann

The government should also remove GST from books to encourage a 'Knowledge Nation' & support enhanced literacy. Singapore is a good benchmark in this instance. The GST on books is a tax on lifelong learning.

Katherine
Heather
Natasha
Heather
Erin
Melanie
Verity
Jessalynn
Joshua

Schussler
Anderson
Smith
Anderson
Pearce
Shannon
Hobbs
Sukamto
Kuswadi

Cheaper books would be wonderful as I am only a student and so if prices fell, I'd be more inclined to go out and buy the books I really want.

Kylie Anand	Stuart Shukla	
Marielle Simona zoe Alissa	Sloss Tankov derrick Caldwell	I will often buy my books overseas at stores and airports as they are much cheaper...I would much prefer to spend my money at home
Heather John	Wright Maurer	I have 3 children who are avid readers. I believe the government should support literacy by permitting access to books at a more reasonable cost.
Janis	Laing	All the best for the petition. I hope a successful outcome will encourage more people to buy books and hence lift literary standards throughout the entire community. One of the flow-ons delivered by the IT revolution, during the last 30 years has been the proliferation of books by Mrs, Miss Master or Mister average as a bookwriter. Also the old masters and classics have been more readily available in a greater variety of forms. I have been trying to assemble a reasonable library of both types of literature for my son - 15. The good stuff old and new is expensive. I most definitely support this petition by the petitioners - me among them - in the interest of avid and ongoing book buyers and readers. GMK
Grantley Ria Janet Russell Lisa Phyllis Adriana Ryan Su-Fen Christina Monica Lesley Karen Darren Jacqueline	Kemble Swertz Wood Clarke Wai Ho Di Benedetto Jones Chung Cooper Green Kelleher Clark Gore Baloh	
Atahan Sarah-jade Sebastian Nirad Kitty Georgina Suhasini Kim Emily Ancella	Tugcu Neville Wood Weeramanthri Porter Boutros Sampath Nguyen Rainey Jusuf	Cheaper books?! YES YES YES PLEASE! Books are so expensive these days, it's a disgrace. I agree, if books were cheaper Australians would buy and read more books.
Peter	Klung	this will sure make my fiance happy. and i could get more sport books or biographies. an increased variety of books for all cultures into this country would be a blessing. and a decrease in \$\$ for books may get people to buy and read books .. could increase the average IQ in australia. i certainly would buy more books.
Anna Andrew	Turner Garrett	anything that could bring the price of books down sounds like a fabulous idea!!!my husband and i are avid readers and encourage the same of our 4 boys.i fully support this petition
Lynette Tegan Dinah	Page Ashley Jopson	

Kim Phan
Joanna Smith
Bill Leslie
Deb Oxley-Smith
Geoff Smith
Nick Smith
Kelly Leslie
Bronwyn Smith
Lauren Rollo
Amanda Sharpley
Jo Smith

Let's get cheaper books!!!!

In the present financial climate cheaper books would be a boon especially for University students and pensioners.

I always enjoy visiting Dymocks stores and am all in favour of cheaper books!

Donald Rowley
Peter Carter
Nadia Delich
Elizabeth Purdie
Sue Epps
Na Jiang
Kevin George

aussie books are sooo much more expensive compare to other countries!!

If Support the local economy! Locals get cheaper books. locals buy more books at locally owned Dymocks stores.

Melissa Galea
Brett Andersen
Vanessa Madden
Lai Yi Ho
Frances Kennedy
Andrea Jansz
Margaret Clancy
Kellie Singh
Sibel Yilmaz
Joanna Beckett
Zoe Wilson
Elizabeth Stoner

they are so much dearer here than the UK

Books are our heritage and our future and should be available to all at the cheapest price possible.

Richard Stewart
Jiajia Chen
Steven Yorke
Caroline Smith
Karen Donnelly

Cheaper books are even more relevant now because of the economic crisis essential things need to be affordable for the general public.

Martin Chan
Vicky Edwards
David Houghton
Steve Antonini

Cheaper books would be great. Otherwise we'll just spend our money on sites like Amazon and get our books through there even after postage it is cheaper than buying at a local bookshop -especially if you buy a few. Make people want to read and buy books at affordable prices again! And again we'll be boosting our economy by buying from local retailers and not giving inflated protected profits overseas.

Esta Efstathiadis
Bernard Barnwell
Jacqui Watson
Jenny He
Anne Giovas
Gus Loo
Liesbeth Van Emmerik

As much as I like to buy and support local bookstores, when I get a chance to travel I would rather wait it out because the price of books in Western Australia is much higher than that of bookstores in Asia, I end up buying books from overseas. With more competitive prices offered in WA I would certainly opt to buy locally rather than fill my suitcases with books !

Li Mei	Tai
Emmit	Kadayifci
Aaron	Floky
Chris	Lui
Kartier	Falkenberg

It has been a matter of ongoing concern that in Australia we are forced to pay a much higher amount for a book that can be purchased overseas at a fraction of the cost.

I love books and this would be very beneficial to me.

Yvonne	Robinson
Geraldine	Teo
Jelena	Sostaric
Peta	Crake
Julie	Lambert
Hoda	Dawoud

We need to encourage all ages, and abilities to read books, so putting books into everybody's hands, can only be a great thing to do, at a cost that is realistic to the average man, woman and child.

Julie Anne	Brooks
Loc	Tran
Michelle	Miller
Sheila	Robbshaw
Carolynn	Lane
Anthony	Leotta
Michelle	Leotta
Leah	Dale
Belinda	Smith
Angela	Leotta
Bao Shan	Yang
Minh Thu	Tran
Samantha	Orman
Robyn	Sargent
Michelle	Peate
Eloise	Kyneur
Russell	Hoyle
Penny	Goodwin
Norriel	Stotter
Zoe	Rees
Scott	Caughey
Zora	Zaric
Tracy	Shanley
Jenny	Mackintosh
Edward	Lui

Books have such value, they should not be expensive.

This is a very big issue. I'm glad it was brought to our (booklovers') attention!
Thankyou

Kaitlin	Sebbage
Anthony Neil	Usher
Himani	Perera
Kate	Harland

I am an avid reader and the cost of books makes it hard for me to budget in these tough times

Fiona	Coelho
Kerry	Mayers
Julie	Tu
James	Curran
Vicki	James
Gerard	Chan
David	Low

Catherine David	Driussi Antonini	Book prices are hideously expensive here! So much cheaper overseas.. The price of books was a surprise to me when I emigrated to Australia as books are freely available at much lower prices in the UK than here. The high prices also do not encourage reading as children's books are far too expensive and I don't think Public Libraries provide well enough to cover the disparity.
Christine Ana Vanessa Russell Jonathan Maryann Maria Tara	Curran Subotic Lee Watt Marr Wright Tua Kelly	Cost efficiency is the best policy. Why rip people off unnecessarily? Print media is in competition with online media, costs need to be reduced for print media to remain a viable option.
Andrew Glenn Susan Robin Rachel Pamela Aadil Jo - Ann Joseph Danielle Hayley Sara Robert Mireille Yumna Elizabeth	Bleach Hibbert Yates Morritt Negron Lei Lakdawalla Cryer Emmanuel Gelmi Crawford Percsy Trevena Tewfik Kassab Baxter	Reduce the impact of beaurocracy on taxpayers...
Edward Dara Helen Tina Semra Rose Elisa Brian Kylie Ambia Darryl Trish Eric Barbara Angeline Petra Brian Hendrikus	Brown Haddow Isaac Woodcraft Lee Weldt Chong Hooper Platt Scott Jones Dicks D'Souza Misino Yip Simpson Dirou Den Brinker	As a potentially smart nation, we would be wise to radically reduce the cost of books. Right now, I almost always get my books cheaper overseas. bring on the cheaper books!!! Yo ! Remove restrictions, make books more affordable and help us build cultured habits for the younger generation.
Nelly Barbara Yip Anneliese Patricia Susan Olissa	Simon Misino Ng Kreiseler Vizcay-wilson O'Brien Cutmore	Cheaper books mean hopefully people will read more!

Michael Jones
Amanda Ellem
Bronwen Dedman
Ashley Fowler
Julia Low
Linda Williams
Linda Miguel
Adrienne Arnold
Tomoko Kelly
Robert Kuchlmayr
Debbie Marszal
Damian Dubois
Robert Wilson
Barbara Frost
Jennie Connolly
James Boland
Monica O'Neill
Karin Boyle

I think more people would read if books were cheaper

I see this initiative as an important quality of life issue. Throughout the US, Europe and Asia I have observed vastly superior pricing for printed material and welcome any initiative to allow competition into the Australian market. Given the vastly improved performance of the music industry, both in pricing and improved variety of product, I am surprised that this action was not undertaken many years ago.

Julian Armstrong
Rebecca Doughty
Alexandra Mar

If it's good enough to reduce the restrictive importation laws on music, why not on books as well?

Gregory Woodstock
Stephanie Wandek
Hayley Johnson
Leigh Aanensen
Julie Callow
Ivan Dowding-Hopkins
Kees Van Der Spek
Cathy Huynh
Joanne Glover
Gabriella Edelstein
Lina-marie Catto
Mellissa Jobson

If it can be done for CD's it should also be done for books.

Suzanne Perrin
Pedro Duran
Sean Khan
Maheen Imam
Christine Ross
Mihali Patsias
Clara Lee
Margaret Mangan
Vicki Pund
Colin Clark

Good initiative

If you want a more informed and educated community - make books cheaper!

Wendy Harris
William Sanders
Michelle Tan
Jacinta Ching
Rebecca McGregor
Julie Bishop
Sing Sun Tam

Actually I am one that books when they first come out, so it would be great to not pay the top price. then we can afford to buy another one as well

Ben Merrick
Frank McMahon
Sarah Genuis

As a TAFE lecturer in Management and Marketing studies, I feel that removal of restrictions on parallel importations is imperative. I purchase and use many imported texts for reference material to enhance my delivery and also to provide current materials and case studies for my students to enhance their learning.

John Curtis
Graham Sylvester
Troy Johnston
Joyce McMahon
G La Macchia
Kylie Haines
Prue Griffin
Monique Pasilow

I buy lots of book and if books become cheaper I can buy more books :D

Wendy Cox
Judith Anderson
June Whitham
Marie Odendaal
Elizabeth Hegarty
Shireen Daft

Defitely support the Coalition for Cheaper Books. and campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Derek Boardman

I'm an avid reader of books and I believe in a free market so book shops like Dymocks should be able to buy books from the cheapest source to educe the prices of books to Australians.

Narda Campbell
Josh Collard
Tammy Websdane
Serena Pearce
Louisa Saunders
Shinead Love

My family and are big readers - it has to be a great way to encourage families who don't read because buying books is too expensive. Please make them cheaper for Australian children.

Gillian Daniels
Lukas Opacic
Dickson Hong
Deborah Courtenay
Anthony Wan
Gillian Gardiner
Aksel Dadswell
Susan Bannister
Erehwin Ureta
Anne Darragh
Marisa Khan
Jacob French
Michael Fischer
Thaer Abusenenh
Hope Ohman

It makes sense, the cheaper the books, the more we will buy, the more we will read, the more the authors will receive and our literacy rate will increase, everyone wins.

Christine Foster
Monika Domaracki
Margaret Selden
Heather Hodgson
Katrina Furlong

Taking some of the cost off books would encourage more people to buy them and READ!!!

I love to read, but cannot always justify the price of the books I want to read.....do something to help the average Australian have better access to the books they deserve.....as long as the authors still receive the royalties they also deserve. Books are way too expensive in Australia.

Ros Hayter
Helen Stokes
Sok Koh
Kathryn Dalziel

I sometimes purchase books from overseas because they are cheaper to buy online than at Australian stores. Also, living away from the city means it's convenient, but I still want to support local industry & business if possible. Ultimately, the cost is the primary consideration in purchasing, and if it means looking overseas at sites like thebookdepository.com, then so be it. Cheap books in Australia - PLEASE!

Christopher Lowe
Anna Tran
Byron Mulgrove
Philip Peluso

Books are very expensive in Australia, especially children's books. Cheaper prices would greatly benefit children and improve literacy standards. I absolutely believe that these restrictions should be removed, especially in these current tough economic times to allow increased access to reading material for more people.

Christine Cavanagh

Jake Salter
Tanya Soutar
Trish Lane
Andrea Khayat

This is something I feel very deeply about. Not only should books be better priced for the general public it is also absolutely vital they are more affordable for our children. So many families can't afford books. Children who are read to and then grow to love reading have so many advantages over those who do not read. Reading grows imagination, instills thought, develops wisdom, increases knowledge - all things our future generation deserves and that Australia needs.

Elisabeth Smyth

We have stopped buying books as regularly as we did when we lived in the UK because they are just too expensive, they are now a luxury rather than an every day item. We used to buy them on a weekly basis for a quick read on the way to work, now that we live in Australia it's purely for extra special gifts and we often wait for the paper back to come out or buy from second hand book shops! We have been shocked by the price of books here in Australia compared to elsewhere we have lived around the world including South Africa, the UK, Europe and the US.

Fiona Crockett
Tristen Muller
Carrie Hatzel
Jennifer Marshall
Lynne Armitstead
Paul Ryan
Gillian Watts
Dorothy Farrell

I totally agree with you that we definitely need cheaper books in this country as without them how would most people afford them and to learn and educate ourselves books are esp to me an incredibly important tool for educating not only our youth but also older generations etc.

Kathy Spring
Alan Matthews
Sheila Wyldbore
Anjuli Donlan
Joanne Holloway
Louise Hayes

The USA and the UK are where most of the good books are!

Natalie De Souza
Carmen Holloway

Books are more important than internet, spend \$40 billion on them instead. Plus they're already very expensive.

Marek Julie	Baranowski Fox	I agree, very often books bought overseas with delivery cost are less expensive than the same in Australia.
Anna Adam Laura Karin Anna Michelle Sherrill amanda Jyotinder Wendy Christine Gaye Linda Boris Christine Cindy	Pomroy Tran Starling Gruener Drahalivas Holloway Detto nesbitt Singh Dodd Smith Maynard Chiew Zolotarev Colwell Flanagan	I definately support the campaign - bring on the cheaper books so I can buy more of them! Cheaper books means we can buy then more often and more of them!!!
Hayley Elina Malini Suzanne Sanam Marley Stuart Leanne Shirley	Roberts Rydman De Silva Wdowik Esmaeili Cook Eliot Wong Troia	Competition is necessary to create competitive prices, otherwise you end up with one company monopolising the entire market, and therefore making whatever prices they want
Justinus	Sutedjo	Book is one of basic needs in civilized society, it is important to keep books price low so people can full fill this basic needs. reducing import costs will effectively reduce the price booksellers sell to the public thus, making books more affordable to the general public- us plebs of society. therefore allowing those at the lower end of the wage bracket access to a wider literary range- which will help to increase literacy levels in the poor socio=economic bracket.
Kay Andrew	Podboj Phang	I would like to be able to get books the same day they are released, rather than months later regardless of where they are released.
Jessica Cynthia Jiecheng Zalina Maria Ingrid Robert	Hodder Luu Su Bell O'Shea Spaile Hay-Hendry	It may even help stimulate the economy...
Veronica Brittany Cristina Shirley	Mazzer Sewell Pienescu Leung	Cheaper books can only be of benefit to us all - we need to encourage more reading among our younger generations and being able to afford a decent story is a great step towards this. Reading standards have dropped so much in Australia and I am in no doubt that the cost of books today has attributed in some way to this. i want my daughter to be able to get lost in another world but it is so expensive. If this will help bring prices down I am all for it. Isn't it worth it???

Sandra	Yeo
Carolyn	Bounsell
Peter	Thygesen
jakeb	harpur
Judi	Turner
Amanda	Winton
Jade	Johnson
robert	joyner

I fully support this campaign. These days I rarely, or never, buy books at full price because they are too expensive. I wait for vouchers or discounts when the books are no longer current, and stock has to be sold off. I am a patient person. More recently I have stopped buying books altogether because of the tight economic situation.

Wesley	Horn
Andrea	Thygesen
Susan	Chew
Amanda	Veitch
Nathan	Dunn
Helen	Masters
Matthew	Berggren
Nathan	Karslake
Helen	Jones
Natalie	Humphreys

I look forward to being able to afford more books for my grandchildren. The current pricing of quality books for pre school aged children is prohibitive. Reading should be encouraged for all ages.

Pauline	Turnbull
Jean	Spotswood
Lois	Marshall
Georgina	Sauzier
Branislav	Sekulic
Linda	Robinson
Pamela	Everson
Stephanie	Dawes

The potential ban on imports from foreign markets is ridiculous. Australians have been paying excess for entertainment for far too long due to greedy local distributors. In the past I have been forced to purchase special interest books in myself from places such as Amazon and eBay due to the excessive prices found here. Even with the current rate of the AUD and shipping costs, I can still purchase some books at almost 50% of what I find in stores here. The publishers on the other hand argue that the additional costs is for editing, ansuring spelling corrections (ie US to standardised English), etc. However, I have at least a handful of children's books here that have mis-spellings, such as 'color' instead of 'colour'. Consumers should not be paying excessive prices for excuses.

Stuart	Spencer
Jeff	Jorgensen
Lucia	Russo
Janet	Ho
Thayna	Najader
Neil	Kellie
Natasha	Price
Victoria	Reeves
Kate	Tanner
Jacqueline	Langdon
Daniel	Hutanu
Sally	La
Shivani	Naik
Lisa	Ha
Janet	Raphael
Vanessa	Porter

Why make things harder for book lovers/collectors?!?!?

I think it is ridiculous that book sellers can not import copyright protected books that are the most competitively priced for their consumers. Who side is the government on? The consumers or big business?

Gerard Wong
Jessica Odri
Steve Puz
Michelle Jenks
Kevin Gray

The cost of books in Australia is exceedingly high. I travel internationally 2-3 times a year (to India via Singapore) and I usually hold out buying any books until I travel. I can find some books down to a third the prices in Australia. If prices are lower, I will probably not wait for my trips but buy domestically instead.

Michael Ow
Jeenie Kim
Narelle Vujcich
Julie Kourtesis
Neil Schwenke
Helen Aland
Patricia Renton
Fiona Han
Debra Wagstaff

I have always preferred to buy from local retailers and always endeavour to do so. Unfortunately, however, buying books in Australia has become an almost illogical choice when there are so many other means of purchasing books from international markets that offer far more competitive prices. An extreme example is that I can buy an Australian published book from Amazon in the United States and have it posted to me directly cheaper than I can from a local bookshop. I fully support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' campaign.

Liam Butt
Stephen James
Debra Northwood
Jocelyn Herriman
Lisa Stefanoff
Bryan Ct Tan
Diana Konash
Denise Heriot
Yvonne Poole

I often find it cheaper to buy a book in the UK and have it sent to Australia, than to buy the book here in Australia. This means that our shops are not getting my money! I would much prefer to be able to buy in Australia.

Sandra Symons
Kerry Smith
Leanne Colla
Sandra Sorensen
Joanna Watts

I would like a free market

Margaret Woodford
Coco Coleman
Marilyn Pearson
Julianne Brisbane

It is past time for books to be more affordable especially for students as well as those of us who are bibliophiles.

Elsa Kachwalla

The affordability of books is paramount to continue with the present encouragement to school children, young adults and general public to enjoy reading books and so expanding their enjoyment of life.

Mandeep Singh
Marea Fittock
Stacey Hammond

Indeed, I would expect the government to encourage the trend of reading books amongst all segments of the society. I do believe that books in Australia are far more expensive when compared to the other markets such as US, UK and India. Reading should not be the right of only the financially capable.

Michael	Gladwell	On the provision that local booksellers pass on the savings they will make to their customers.
Flora	U	
Belinda	Aitken	We are in a global village now people. lets get with the program
Natalie	Barry	
Anna	Montemayor	
Sandy	Richardson	
Gary	Jackson	
Athena	Doropoulos	
Natasha	Prasad	as an avid booklover, an increase in book prices would make me less inclined to purchase books as frequently as i do already, but if they were to decrease i would easily purchase more. Please reduce the price and not increase! Increasing prices only hurts the wallet and keeps my bookshelves bare!
Adam	Coyle	
Elinor	Newman	
Ralph	Penistan	
Andrew	Chew	
Janine	Davies	
Nattaya	Phongaurai	
Bryce	Ponsford	
Peter	Thomas	
Alison	Van Hees	I believe lower taxes on books will help encourage more people to read. It is very important to encourage.
Tanessa	Tran	
Suzanne	Howlett	
Noelene	Tate	Reading is still the basis of our education and needs to be further encouraged, which cheaper books will facilitate.
Petah	Martin	
Natasha	Tran	
Evelyn	Ong	
Dianne	Gorman	
Alexander	Purnomo	
Kellie	Criddle	
Peter	Kahl	The quicker the better. I feel the current practice is unfair and is a restrictive trade practice.
Alberto	Polintan	
Jessie	Cheng	
Keith	Arnold	
Peter Kenne	Melville	
Melina	Kordonouris	
Judy	Mays	
Yvonne	Tang	
Rivekie	Ho	
Mary	Sullivan	
Daniel	Kim	
Fiona	Magee	
Ted	Rofe	
Tammy	Tran	
Jessica	Hankinson	
Shuja	Siddiqui	Books should be cheaper, so everyone can afford.
Sharyn	Vary	
Alex	Cimberis	
Annie	Etheridge	
Guler	Koray	Yes, I do support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign. The Australian book market is already suffering form cheap internet marketing. It doesn't need restrictive Australian legislation to handicap it further.
Laurel	Johnson	
Erica	Xin	

Margaret Mangan

If a free market on ideas is important we should also reduce the restrictions in trade on books. Many of my friends and colleagues order books from overseas via Amazon and that helps nobody: it just means that the money goes offshore instead of staying with a competitive Australian supplier.

Lelia Green
Ruben Adriaanse
Kevin Mcdonnell
Robert Donaldson
Samantha Barr
Melissa Hanson
Gillian Babe
Trevor Jones
Rebecca Brannigan
Darren Hart

A move that will encourage the sale of and make more affordable books is to be encouraged. Reading ensures the literacy and human intelligence of the next generations.

Robyn Gillot
Konrad Szafranski
Renee Tsatsis
Karen Wong Kung Fong

Hopefully this can stretch to cover all kinds of media including books, movies, and even videogames

Jacob Mikkelsen
Louise Tucker
Holly Simpson
Fiona Andrews
Jennefer Bryan
Yumi Sakai-harmelin
Caragh Morgan
Melissa Teo
Simone Beuke
Indira Dhupelia
Jennifer Grealish
Charlotte Lim
Liani Stockdale
Margaret Waugh
Joni McCallum
Anna Syme
Tamara Webber
Therese Johnson

I was faced with the completely ridiculous price of a text book for a Masters unit at uni which cost me a whopping \$131. I don't know about you but I think that is completely out of order given the unit alone is costing me \$1450. Australia: The clever country? Only if you can afford it!!!

Teresa Cinanni
Peter Lorenti
Trudy Sue
Sue Ross
Chris Drew
Ayaka Kawahara
Eleftherios Pothitos
Anita Taylor
Simon Thornton
Judith Newton
Melissa Clarke
Rowena Olsen
Rowena Olsen
Clare Birchall
Laura Steeles

If books are cheaper more people will read them.

Cam-Thach Do

Cheaper books will mean it will be financially available to everyone and not only who can come up with the price, I have to save up to be able to buy a wanted book, Mary Reece

Mary Reece
Lara Jayne Dixon
Deb Harrison
Donna Stagg

If books are cheaper people are more likely to buy them.

I strongly support this petition. Existing arrangements can only be described as restrictive and financially limiting for many people, particularly including book purchases for children.

Lee Tregloan
Sophia Lin
Annalissa Roy
Karen Savage
Ken Heberle
Haimish Chand
Suzie Sitkowski
Brendan Simpson
Kylie Rudd
Tania Waugh
Paula Belcastro
Aileen Galvin
Sarah Mcloughlin
Lisa Whittle
Lydia Yun
Mary Orenstein
Ghee ho
Ellecer Valencia
Peta Gormly
Dianne Selliani
Wendy Dick

Literature should not have a high price. Why pay for the sharing of information?

Fiona O'Donohue
Tjung Wong
Thomas Plotts

I would definitely buy more books if they were cheaper, as I know many other people would as well.

I absolutely agree with removing these restrictions. It is unconscionable to charge so much for books in Australia. I've just returned to Australia after living in the UK for 3 years and cannot bring myself to buy a book here unless absolutely necessary as it is so much more expensive!! Buying books should not be a luxury and should be encouraged. Books, more than CDs, are essential to a country's improvement in education, knowledge and literacy!

Jasmin Chua
Nola Davey
Linda Leer
Richard Taylor
Hannah Luckie
Lisa James

This is a good idea.

Giselle Hansen
David Way

Although I am a booklover, the price of books in Australia really does restrict the number of books I read. When friends are travelling from other countries, or when I do, I order books because they are cheaper. Removing the restrictions could improve literacy, and who knows where that might lead, and even business.

Adrian Danis
Luke Tierney
Clare Xu
Tammi Ireland

This proposal will allow Australian retailers to make at least some money. Without it we shall just have to continue buying our books from overseas on amazon.com

Judith Zhang
James Abbot
Lyn Eaglestone
Danielle Johnson

The Productivity Commission draft report which includes the draft recommendation that import restrictions should continue to apply for 12 months from the date a book becomes available in Australia does not help the general public and will keep book prices higher than they should be, as most books are purchased within 12 months of publication. I urge the Productivity Commission to remove this draft recommendation and open up the book market in Australia

Rob Llewellyn
Vivienne Wardrop
Jennifer Sus Baker
Jane Potter
Cailey Newtown
Rebecca Paranthoiene
Deborah Becker
Holly Copping
Derek Clark
Michael Belonio
Kathy Ha
Evelyn Ngai
Cecily Ho
Joann Yap
Patricia Bootland

This is long overdue!

Didn't notice the price of cd's reduced at all but why ARE us Aussies paying so much?

Sandy Scherger
Christopher Bootland
Jenny Cross
Kubra Sanli
Darren Langer
Sharyn Stockton
Ian Bootland
Sarah Rohr
Adele Clarke
Emily Clark
Phillip Neho
David Ung
Glenys Murphy
Ian Shanks
Frank Jackson
Sheila Jackson
Clarisse Djaja
Catherine Jackson
Donald Poynton
Naomi Mccutcheon
Libby Brook
Kelvin Cheng

Surely anything that helps our society become more literate is good!

Fully support this !!!
I purchase a lot of books when I travel overseas or buy second hand due to the exorbitant prices of books

Deanna Shand
Heather Brandt
Jocelyn Wehbe
Aamy Attokaran
John Mcnally
Doris Harvey

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE CAN GET CHEAPER BOOKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Catherine Cho
Carla Langridge
Dennis Youngs
Walter Malo
Maria MacFarlane
Rosalind Baxter
Sarah Rogan
Lyn Whittington
Bruce Hancock
Lora Whitehouse
Doug Endersbee
Doug Endersbee
Caitlin Vine
Alicia Elgood
Paul Roddy
Louise Ashton
Jaime Jackson
Steven Irwin

The long term economic benefits of efficiency can be derived from free trade. By imposing restrictions, money is being shifted away from consumers to inefficient businesses. EVEN A HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LIKE ME KNOWS THAT!
Current price of books physically prevents me from reading what I wish and when I wish.

The price of books should be 50% cheaper.

Veronica Redfern
Jacqueline Law
Connie Florence
Louise Harding

I feel strongly that books should be available at the lowest possible price - restrictions on importation should be removed asap

I totally agree with the destruction of monopoly trading.

Scott Field
Rebecca Pizzi
Nathan Jackson
Kelly Stratton
Jan Whitfield
Courtney Ro Smith
Tulien Yang

Removing restrictions on book sellers means Australians will have better access to learning material and the whole nation will benefit from the extra knowledge.

Well done Don, Anything that encourages people to read more has my support. And here's a thought.. for two years I travelled by public transport to and from the city each day. That equated to 2 hrs reading time, sometimes more, in a very busy schedule. I didn't read reports or emails - I read books because I treated it as my personal time. And of all the books I read, those not borrowed were purchased at Dymocks on George Street. Recently I started driving to and from work and my personal time has dropped to just about zip. So while you are at, could you fix Sydney's public transport problems...I reckon you would solve my problem and it wouldn't be all that bad for your business either!! Not too big of an ask is it? cheers
Rich

Richard Thackray
Mei Yang
Jocelyn Treasure
Shereen Banner
Katie Garrett
Michael Poli
Joanna Prodromou
Mary-ann Cormack

Cheaper books = better literacy amongst the population = smarter Australia

In our home we all love reading, and will welcome the access to cheaper books as most new releases are too expensive to be bought on a regular basis and often we have to wait until they are available at public libraries or in second hand stores, if they were cheaper we would be able to buy them at book stores more often. Ana McGhie

Ana McGhie
Rosanna Piaggio
Linda Wade

Literacy rates are not amazing in Australia. I work with lots of kids with significant literacy and learning difficulties, and I'm never amazed at how few parents buy books for their children, and even read books themselves. Decreasing the price is a good step to remove barriers for parents to provide their children with enriching literacy opportunities within the home.

Hibba Nagrial
Joanne Sullivan

Agree - if Australian writers want to compete in the marketplace then they have to produce the quality that the market demands (and in a global market there will always be sufficient demand for quality).

John Oldfield
Kerry Pearson
Rona Afenir
Danielle McMahon
Andrea Kersten

It is ridiculous how expensive books-especially textbooks-are when attending university. The government should encourage reading by removing the restrictions, before the paper novel is lost to electronics, which ultimately will be purchased from international websites.

Kellee Morgan
Tracey Dowling
Scott Morrissey
Alison Beswick

We routinely buy books over the internet because they are not either available or more expensive in Australia. We would prefer to be able to buy books at Australian outlets, supporting Australian companies. The current laws stop us from achieving this.

Cheryl Hicks
Cynthia Goulet
Christina Gill

I believe this will promote more books being bought and read, particularly for children. LR

Linda Rogers
Ben Rose
Jennifer Barry
Debbie Barton
Paula Barriga
Deanna Rasmussen
Stewart White
Christopher Griggs
Glenda Rodrigues
Sandra Otranto
Jessica Higgins
David Pelech
Szu-Hee Lee
Lesley Harrowsmith
Matt Silsby
Greg Lions
Amanda Minehan
Emma Wraight
Jenny Yang
Patricia Monahan
Rebecca Grey
Rowan Brieschke
Tina Gianakoudakis

Long overdue

Books in the UK are much cheaper than here in Australia. It's not fair

Marie Sinclair
James Bradley
Maria Thi My Hoang
Jacques Broquet
Jo Pritt
Gill Smith
Lara Daebritz
Wanda Chan
Michelle Nelson
K Lindelle Winn
Callum Scollard
Faith Burns
Cerina Triglavcanin
Niree Nadjarian
Judy Morris

Cheaper books encourages reading.

Cyrano Menezes
Sue Chambers
Kun Lam
Robert Estherby
Chris Barwell-Cook

Books must be brought down if the current economic crisis is to be over come!
People will buy books, but if they are at \$50+ they will think again on where to spend it

Sharon Sherry
Kimberley Gangas
Kathryn Richards
Sarah Pemberton
Allison Simpson
Lynette Rajaratnam

In times of sadness, joy and, indeed, economic downturns of massive proportions books can provide an escape. The escape can be to another world, or by learning, out of the world you got retrenched from and into another one with the new skills you've learned. Books shouldn't be more expensive than they need to be and I fully support any campaign that would seek to stop the imposition of restrictions such as these. Thank you for the opportunity to put this view forward.

Kashina Zieland
Daniel Webster
William Hamilton
Caroline Mountford
Tanya Owen

specialy when a lot of books you can read on the computer we need to have them cheeper in the shops. There is nothing like to hold good book in thre heand. it is real. it is like have a "fantom ' friends, ets in the cyberik world. Without that a libery will sees to existe in the future. let some where stop regards kashina sorry for my english, but my heart is there

Margaret Knowles

It would make a big difference to the number of books I purchased. At present it's a matter of waiting until they become discounted in time.
It is ridiculous that I can buy books from the internet, UK and USA and pay less than I would if I purchased the book in Australia

Linda Read
Brittany Mitchell
Carole Webb
Robin Ariaans
Sarah Chappell
Vicki Pye
Margot Waring
Mariana de Paula Cidade

Please take this petition seriously. THANK YOU

Make them cheaper!

I think this is a vital initiative! We need to make books more affordable and accessible to all, particularly lower socio-economic groups to ensure the cycles of illiteracy and poverty are not perpetuated. On a more selfish note, I LOVE books and would love to be able to afford to buy many more!

Linda Bate
Andy Garbi

A crazy restraint of trade with its roots in our colonial past just needs to be dismantled. The people who will suffer have been making a killing for years -- the internet, Amazon.com ewtc make a mockery of the law anyway -- remove the restraint of trade ASAP please.

Cameron Schuster
Matthew Herro
Warren Naseby
Young Yoo
Jacqueline Rolfe
Lois Di Giulio
Eva Pats
Liyi Tang
Emily Lloyd
Jessica Lockhart
Caron Bowen
Rolf Kramer
Charlotte Griffith
Jun Zheng
Stephanie Morse

I am fed up with the inflated price of books in Australia compared with prices in the UK and the USA. If restrictions on parallel importation are what is keeping the price of books in Australia so high then I say it's time for them to go. Why should consumers get ripped off just to ensure a good profit margin for the publishers?

Peter Brennan
Melany Laycock
Christina Hrissins
Clair Bellingham

books have been too expensive in this country for way too long, we should be encouraging people to read books - not making them less accessible!

Jill Roberts
Steve Crouch
Jan Rozycki
Lena Giamboi

The price of books is ridiculous you read it then you give it away its money not really all that well spent even for a good read.

Susan Churchill
Nadia Hage Ali
Milena Dawson

Thank you for doing this. I first learned of this situation in a law subject at uni and couldn't understand why books were unfairly targetted and CDs were not.

Natalie McCormack
Bevis Benneworth
Kasey Annice

I am all for cheaper books through competitive spending of booksellers. Competition is very healthy for the economy and I think making books cheaper, and more accessible would have innumerable benefits within the community and their wallets. It would also encourage local publishers to increase the number of their products, and the quality of their products, to bring even better resources to the world market. As a bookseller in a small newsagency in regional Australia, it is hard to get small quantities of books at reasonable prices through distribution agents. We support Dymocks stand.

Claire Harmer

Imelda Agars
Shunwu Li
Sharon Woodford-Jones
Helen MacDonald
Sartaj Hans

Allan Lummis
Morgan Bray

Books give so much pleasure, regardless of genre, and should be priced at a more affordable level.

Sue Bartlett
Jordan Kirkup
Janet Nolan
Gary Leung
Brad Roberts
Nicole Mock

Please remove the restrictive laws that unnecessarily inflate the price of books in Australia and make overseas suppliers more commercially attractive. This, surely, is counter to the current official exhortation to keep Australian money in Australia? Times are hard, so, more common sense and less bureaucratic protectionism please. Thank you.

Peter Moore
Patricia Browne
Helen Hardegen

I am frequently buying books less due to the rising cost. I am a big reader and am saddened my decision on buying a new authors book is based on price. These days if I purchase books it is when I am over seas on holidays.

Mandy Roddom
Geoff Harris
Sheila Sukmadja
Sara Deworboies
Jill Agnew
Andrew Meijers
Galina Louw
Donna Marsden
Lorraine Lucas
Ian Cox
Kathryn Saunders
Daniel Peter Ferguson

The import restrictions ought to be removed, in a similar way to the removal of the import restrictions on CDs some ten years ago. The current import restrictions are a form of trade restriction, which is not appropriate in the current climate of globalisation.

Gert D Fengler
Gabriel Cipri Pienescu
John Newham
Claire Forsdyke
Julie Everitt

I support removing the restrictions on parallel importation

John Ingersent
Samuel Tsang

In our technology-dominated world, we are already finding it extremely difficult to encourage our children to read. The currently inflated price of books is not helping us win the battle.

I totally agree.

I often purchase books on Amazon if the prices are considerably cheaper even when paying for shipping. We need cheaper books for everyone and I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books Campaign for the removal of restrictions on Parallel Importation.

Mary Ann Reyes
Melanie Rae
Kylie Brooks

Catherine Myson
James Morris
Chong Yang
Richard Hammond

The high price of books actively restricts me from reading. I use libraries regularly but would like to buy books as well - this is impossible at current prices.

Susan Bradbury

books are very expensive here. You have to think twice before you purchase one. Books should be affordable to everyone. You can educate yourself through books.

Jennifer Blake
Brian Kebby
Nicole Keily
Saskia Taylor
Lisa Van Zelst

i hope common sense will prevail! good luck

If the new legislation is going to inflate the current book price which is already high enough! Then there would be not much book to be digested! We will be intelectually starve, besides if the price goes up, the local library will spend more money to buy new books, which in turn cost the government's money as well. So, in the long term, this won't work and if the government is really keen on improving every state's secondary students' literature level, then please give them a chance to choose a favourt and affordable book to enjoy.

Luo Wei Kun

When Literacy is an issue and the government maintains they are supporting schools and universities how can the tax on books be justified? Freedom of speech and freedom of taxes for the written word.

Therese Brulisauer
Lee Yaw
Lena Hudson
Cliff Henderson
Penny Williams
Duc Nguyen
Caroline Rigby
Abraham Papantoniou
Bronwyn Campbell
Tracy Enslin
Alison Greenhill
Diane Bell

Appreciate your First world thinking!Aus can be very 3rd world.

Natalee Johnston
William O'Flaherty
Allan Chen
Kylie Wilshusen
Allaa Awwad
Suzanne Cooper
Patrick Ng
Shivan Yadav

Wouldn't cheaper books make it easier for more Australians to read and not just for school or work but for pleasure!

please make books cheaper that would be great

Rob Inie
Murray Dougill
James Dean
Diana Drummond
Daniel Ormella
Amanda Ward
Deborah Horscroft
Ward Al-ghurani
Desiree Sara Canabady
Declan Robertshaw
Fern Chang
Meg Shimoji

WHAT IS THE VESTED INTEREST IN KEEPING THE EXISTING SYSTEM, WHO IS IT BENEFITING AND WHAT POLITICAL CLOUT ARE THEY EXERTING IN THE FACE OF DEVELOPING A RATIONAL SITUATION

Vladimir James
Mei Leng Yap
Vanessa Privitera

This market has always had too many closed doors. Let's open it up and deal with the rest of the world.

Barbara Ballinger
Tanith Condon

Books are way more important and beneficial than and you have done it for them...what about books

I am an avid bookreader. I think that it is unfair that Australian booklovers have 2 choices: 1-buy books at inflated prices or 2- wait for 2 or more years before local libraries buy the books so that readers can enjoy them. I have bought books OVERSEAS at disadvantageous exchange rates in countries where English is the SECOND or THIRD language and I paid LESS!!!!!! than I would have paid for the SAME book in Australia. It's unfair! I think Australian readers should be able to expand their libraries, expand their minds, and experience the imagination, creation and words of wisdom of writers from all around the world. So that children and adults of every age can love the written word as I do and cherish each page of a favorite book and look at them lovingly and re-enter worlds of imagination. I'm in! Books are one of the essential parts of my and MANY other's enjoyment of life in this country. Books are very educational, possibly even more so than CDs. So why should such educational and informative sources be so expensive?

Jennifer Clark
 Andrew Knight
 Jessica Chow
 Vic Groenhout
 Amy Sargeant
 Julie Devenish
 Gavin Cusack
 Sarah Gray
 Michael Raftery
 Maureen Collins
 Andrew Sutcliffe
 Andrew McLean
 Caroline Chin
 Lorna Hazen
 Melanie Yap
 Aaron Beck
 Patricia Underwood
 Nofita Dwiyanthy
 David Ward
 Brad Potter
 Miho Yamaguchi
 Sue Lowe
 Catherine Yuen
 Ruth Bayley
 Antoinette MacDonald
 Jackie Grifoni
 Rudiger Adermann
 Nikki Johns
 Christine Cattley
 Ann Goode
 Veronica Merton
 Lee Miles
 Joanne Miller
 Jim Abbott
 Tracey Willis
 Edward Bluhdorn
 Christian Elias
 Scott Parsons
 Matthew Thomas
 Adele Marchmont
 Kenneth Mansell

stop protecting a non Australian industry, the importers/publishers just rip us off

The government should only act as an enabler of free trade

For so many people price equals access. Lower prices, increase accessibility, improve literacy.

Because of the relatively high price of books in Australia, it can be worthwhile to buy 'on-line' from overseas. The more this happens, the worse it is for Australia

Any reseller of any product should be free to import that product subject to current Australian importation laws from the cheapest source legally available.

books educate. anything to lower their price should be done..
 Let's encourage reading with cheaper prices!

Margaret Byron
Anne McNamara

It's ridiculous to have "regional" constraints in such an open world today! How archaic and greedy.

Igor Chuprov
Michael Cole
Haley Culver
Ben Haebich
Cassandra Teo
Natalie Baladi
Wendy Mayes
Mark Windle
Maria Gultiano
Olga Jevdic
Vanessa Schmidt
elena barber
Stan Gerebtzoff
Johanna Choi
Jessica Wong
Natalie Tenaglia
Marylou Simpson

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Fiona Plani
Edith Wilson
Louise Escott Mccarthy
John Edwards
Kim-Yen Van
Tanita Seton
Douglas Shearman
Jeff Thorpe
Mitchell Mackenzie
Peter Harris
Chanel Roistacher
Luke Smith
Jasmine Mateus
Elisha Balcombe
Elena Arroba
Heath Kelly
Diane Rowan
Shirley Scholte
Elizabeth Lim
Jasmine Soo
John Van Drunick
Haley Mcdougall
Jason Yosar
Jaclyn Baiada
Shauna Charles
Heidi Mcneill
Susan Barnes
Claire Eaglestone

the middle man always costs us more as purchasers - but adds very little in value, so I am all for the petition

Terri Gentle
Christopher Harris
Samantha Best Lawson
Doreen Haberle
Shawn Marshall
Steph E
Elise Howarth

Books should be cheaper. Poor people need to read as well

It would encourage more people to buy more books which would stimulate the economy. they would read more, which would stimulate their brains and increase their general knowledge.

Lea McWhae
Zolia Yu
Moir Evans
Gillian Dodgson
Julie Schmitt
Laetitia Rodriguez
Maxine Ashton
Melissa Kelly
Chris Ormerod
Ngoc Son La
Jane Mathews
Sarah Dunstan
Dino Valentini

Get a bunch of economists and work out the effects of such a proposal and the effects that it will lead in the long run.

Halley Truong
Vicki Hipwell
Emanuel Gomes
Grace Spyrou
Brendan Hampton
Joy Ho
Robyn Buttery
Natalie Ottens
Dawn Brodie
David Murdoch
Kate Reilly
Phoebe Duncanson
Lea Barker
Melissa Meadows

Make the policy changes to lower costs to the end user. That is one way for Australia to have literacy rates comparable with other developing nations. If you have done it with CDs why not with books? It will create larger multiplier effects of benefits.

Leah Echanes
Lorraine McLaren

Reducing the price of books to make them more affordable will greatly increase access to books for everyone and contribute to increased literacy in the general community.

Linda Peick
Nick Haebich
Jane Aubrey
Yuen Tang

Please remove the unfair restrictions on book importation. It's unfair that people who love to read are forced to pay such a high price for books, and many other people are discouraged from reading because of these prices and the lack of availability in public libraries.

Anne Peverill
Chris Goods

Paperback prices are hideously expensive. Much better to borrow than to buy. Drop the prices and buying becomes much more attractive.

Joseph Zagari
Kristy Lorimer

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. Totally. I go on holidays and spend up because I cant resist the 'cheap' books. Please help me the overweight baggage is becoming more than the ticket and I'm not buying Australian.

Desley Harrington
Bill McPherson
Dr Lex Weaver

More people should be able to afford to buy books which can only be good for Australia and its people.

Sarina Watkins

Erica Hetherington
Tania Butler
Khoa Vu
Jenny Lam
Koraljka Miletic
Elizabeth Howson
Greg Miller
Melissa-sue Clark

Too much regulation inhibits true competition and encourages pirating, where no-one receives the copyright fees they deserve. And also results in the stupid situation with DVD's where my locally bought player will not play legally purchased DVD's from overseas, which are not available in Australia, unless I unlock my DVD player with a freely available "crack". Perhaps there should be an enquiry into who benefits from these restrictions on the dissemination of knowledge.

Tony Wood
Leith Toll
Kyra Stewart
Joanne Rosen Grozovski

Fully support the petition to achieve book prices similar to what can be obtained by people living in the UK and USA. Childrens books included - we all want our children to be able to read freely which means be able to purchase books at the best price

Jane Holmes Walker
Jenny Lam
Bonita Cory

I support the removal of any trade practice that will result in lower prices for consumers.

Martin Connolly
Leona Keeley
Leanne Sinfield
Emma Proudlock

books are, in general, too expensive in australia. I believe that parallel imports will almost certainly reduce the cost of books to the public.

Eugene Kavanagh
Dianne Pells
Nicholas Hoorweg
Danielle Morgan

Making all people who love reading books pay top dollar for each book, is only making the government meaner and richer on something like this. Let book stores get the cheapest price for the books, so that they can pass on the savings to everyone that loves reading.

Michael Bell
Zona-Marie Tan
Sze Shing Bi Tang
Greg Crow
Maree Bertoldo
Regina Van Zomeren

As a student of literacy education I am a strong believer in making all forms of literature available for everyone. Please help make this possible.

Sarah Rogerson
Maria De Mari
Joanne Groves

There is already a huge problem with the kids from lower socio economic families who are not exposed to books and are therefore at a huge disadvantage when they get to school and this often continues right throughout their lives. Our country needs to become smarter in order to be economically strong as the working class jobs are heading overseas. Having access to cheaper books may help to resolve this.

Samantha Collins

The Australian government is concerned about the falling literacy levels of Australian students in comparison to international standards. The high cost of books is a contributing factor towards this. Books must be an affordable alternative to the present focus on magazines and computer games. A lifelong love of books is created in childhood and adolescence. Books contribute to a person's overall knowledge of the world. Don't let books become a luxury item for a few, but a doorway to knowledge that every individual can open and walk through.

Leonie Clarke
Catherine Braiding
Paul Sophocleous
Lien Huong Hoang

I think the availability of books is absolutely crucial to the literacy of our generation and generations to come. It is also very important that we as Australians can "afford" Australian literature and that works of Australian authors aren't priced beyond our reach.

Heather Hearle
Leonie Kouvaras
George Yousef
Karen Hayward
Michael Povey
Danny Sekuloski
Sally-anne Clark

I fully support this petition & Coalition for cheaper books. I strongly believe that Australians have always paid very high amounts to purchase books and it is totally unfair especially for students who already pay large sums to universities in fees. Good Luck. Thanks. Raj.

Raj Vydhyam
Craig Roberts
Kylie Weston
Markita Fowler
Sue Sung

Access to quality books at a reasonable price would be a major contributor to the movement for a better educated population in Australia.

Brian Fitzgerald
Janna Bolinas
Tara Shubert

It is important for people of all ages to be able to read, and have a choice of what reading matter they enjoy. Prices of books makes quite a difference, so it is vital to keep books at a price most people can afford.

Hellen Hall
Annette Clancy
Ying Ling Lee
Luke Mckenzie
Guy Scotton
A Knell
Jessica Gilroy
Elizabeth Roberts
Kemal Atlay
Joo Lin Goh

Books are so much cheaper in England.

Books are prohibitively expensive

I've been a consumer of books for many years. I have seen prices of books locally in the Australian market continually increase - from my first paperback at around \$8 to the current prices of around \$23. I understand prices of labour and materials etc... would have increased over time. However when you compare the prices of the same book by the same author overseas (e.g. prices of a book in Borders in the USA are around USD\$7 to \$8, even taking into account exchange rates and freight, this is till cheaper than Australia), Australian prices are way over inflated. My view is the import restrictions only favour the publishers, and the removal of these restrictions will help generate competition and help lower prices of books. This lower price may help stimulate more people to buy books, which

Phillip Luong
Peter Wesley

Vivien Huynh
Julian Douglas-smith
Jie Li
Kristine Johnson
Carole Lyons

Good luck with the petition

1) Present economic conditions warrant immediate implementation of such a step. Cost has to be brought down in every possible way. 2) Govt is putting in place state of the art Broadband to unleash the intellectual and creative abilities of Australians and this intention would be complimented if the books would be made affordable.

Sandeep Sharma
Winsome Hamon Hoft

Please do all you can to encourage parents to buy books for their children; reading is so important for children, but books are competing with such a wide range of electronic entertainment these days that it is getting more difficult to get kids to choose books over other types of entertainment. Some good junior/young adult books are \$30 and over, and a lot of kids can not afford that on their pocket money and it is hard for parents to afford too. Cheaper books, while protecting the authors: Fabulous idea!

Karin Walford
Rachel Clarke
Laurensia Laurensia
Kerry Bailey
Glenys Shirley
Roma Morgan
Lincoln Green
Jan Rozycki
Marie Sculli
James Saunders
Lily Kong
Warwick Loton
Christina Davies
Neil Chung
Kahlia Ten Vaanholt
Li Luo
Odin Talavera
Michael Hawkins

I'm currently spending more than \$600 per semester as a uni student just to purchase textbooks, which could have been less than or equal to \$300 if the law on importing books weren't enforced. That's \$300 dollars worth of money being wasted when it could have been better used elsewhere e.g. groceries and more.

Flora L
Melissa Breen
Bruce Dickson
Beryl Skiljan
Barbara Parker
Bettina Nicholas
Tim Donnan
Kyra Low
Anne Marie Borbe
Fareeza Khan
Yun Haung Yong
Linda Wright
Kristine Aldover
Karen Morrison

Sivasothy Muhunthan
Stuart Waller
Megan Surplice

I urge the Productivity Commission to remove the restrictions that make us, Australians to pay for more to read books.

Karen Brown
Angelene Nieto
Ming Tak Chan
Daniele Reynolds
Sarah Stevens
Allena Sullivan
Mietta Reynolds
Renee Taylor
Kerry Louise Siddall
Claire Tinson
Margaret Frewer
Hetty Choy
Joss Frewer
Zoe Lim
Jennifer Van Den Tol
Steven Silva
Dee Jackson
Tristan Viscarra Rossel
Katrina Bernardo
Sandra Tan
Victoria Caton
Hoi Pham
Tanya Hickey
Rosalyn Thompson
Geoffrey Hurle
Gareth Jones

Books should be available to everyone at a reasonable price.

Books are way too expensive in Australia as it is!

These days, younger generations like myself like to simply order through the Internet (Amazon, etc) anyway, as often even with added postage costs and FX fee charged, it is still far cheaper that way! If books, etc were cheaper here in Australia, I and many other people would actually be far more inclined to buy directly from Australian bookstores.

Wayne Wang
Alyssa Dyball
Jane Hadley
Paul Frewer
Marea Corrigan
Lucy Wang
Rena Cooper
Steven Tredwell
Jessica Coleman
Melissa Paul
John Robertson
Erin Gibbins

I have long resented the high prices I have had to pay in Australia for books that sell for half the price in the US. I strongly recommend the removal of these restrictions on parallel importation of books.

Charu Khopkar
Kayleen Smith
Katherine Lau
Zoe O`callaghan
Rachel Forster
Catherine Hall
Carmen Starick
Eric Ireland
Anna Evangelista
Sarah Miller
Kristi Grigg
Sarah Griffith
Luisa Hubble

Alex	Clarke
Dagmar	Reuther
Samantha	Huynh
Geraldine	Macaulay
Theresa	Roberts
Antony	Huang
Jane	Daley
Jenny	Jacinto
Matthew	Pickett
Lyn	Ferguson
Kathryn	Wilson
Jenni	Cliff
Ian	Culley
John	Brannan
Mirelle	O'Mara
Kirsten	Yoong
Kathryn	Wilson
Lisa	Hall
Tina	Phan
Michelle	Lacosegliaz
Kate	Rutherford
Jane	Hunter
Chistopher	Lockhart Smith
Kate	Palmer
Lourdes	Samson
Tak Ming	Ho

Please let us buy books at more reasonable prices!

Books should be cheaper, they are far too expensive for the average person in the street. I and my friends do not buy as many as we would like and we swap them around instead of buying them.

Carrol	House
Felicity	Chivas
Michelle	Lodge
Andrew	Suchowersky
Sophie	Greer

The Australian book industry should be driven by the Australian book buyer and not the local subsidiaries and agents of overseas publishers!

I am a dual citizen of the USA and Australia and am shocked at the prices of books in Australia. The worst part about it is the fact that only people who are making good money can afford to buy books for their children. When I compare many Australian children to children in American homes, it is astonishing how many Aussie kids have so few books in thier bedrooms in comparision. My kids have a small library! All of the latest research in education says that in order for children to read well, they need to be exposed to many genres and levels of books in the home at a very early age. The prices of books makes this discustingly inequitable! Please have some sense and change remove the restrictions so that all Australian children can have a healthy variety of books to read at home.

Emily Wentz	Walle
Gabrielle	Pompe
Thea	Eikemo
Robert	Maguire
Graham	Ford
Kylie	MacGregor
Alyse	Wilcox
Ros	Jaffe
Steven	Newman
Jessica	Grauds
Max	Irvine
Brian	Maguire

Yvonne	Jasper	When I arrived home after living in the USA for 20 years, I was horrified by the price of books here. That certainly stopped me from buying my usual books. Australia used to be a very literate country but if we can't buy the books, we won't be for much longer. You can see what's happening in the schools. The literacy levels are dropping
Robyn	Layton	In a digital world it is still wonderful to be able to pull up a real book and take it with you wherever you want.
Kerry	Kraus	Anything that makes the cost of books, and therefore the availability of the opportunity to use their imaginations and learn cheaper and more accessible to everyone, has to be good for the Australian public. Colleagues and I have often purchased books overseas via www.Amazon.com and similar sites as items purchased from these sites can be more competitive even with shipping included. I would much prefer to buy from Australian sources, thus keeping money in Australia.
Karen	Mackenzie	
Nicole	Barrett	
Amanda	Or	
Denise	Kirk	
Galina	De Boer	
Cindy	Loi	I LIKE CHEAP BOOKS
Nicole	Mangura	
Geraldine	Condron	
Liz	Moore	I am an avid reader, a student working on a research thesis and a grandmother concerned that the prohibitive price of books will impact on the acquisition of books to facilitate the reading ability and education of my grandchildren. Please remove the restrictions on the import of books!
Yvonne	Duffield	
Rhonda	Bes	
Alexandra	Portus	
Michelle	Lino	
Lyndall	Philbey	
Sarah	Thomas	I am an avid reader and fully support this industry! Bring on the savings!
Aldo	Savian	I support this move 100%.
Rachel	Spinks	
Tim	Darton	
Mona	Hawa	
Jessica	Varcoe	
Angela	Stratiotis-kasmas	
Jason	Perger	I buy a lot of books ..and agree that parrallel importation restrictions should be removed I would certainly buy more books if they were cheaper. Please consider this petition seriously.
Toni	Cuss	
Donna	Cianciosi	
Vanessa	Nguyen	
Melissa	Chisholm	
Greg	Tyszkiewicz	
David	Karlov	
Rhiannon	Kozyra	
Michael	Clay	We, as book lovers, deserve a fair go when it comes to buying cheaper books. It is about time that these restrictions be removed from books. I will be glad that it did happen.
Tamara	Cox	
Shoma	N	
Melanie	Podlesak	
Jodi	Blackmore	
Jan	Pearce	
Jodie	Cartwright	
Trevor	Aitken	

Barbara Iliopoulos

I regularly purchase books from Amazon.com at much cheaper prices in US dollars; they are somewhat inflated after adding shipping costs, but they are still competitive against the same books sold at local bookshops. Local prices are inflated far beyond exchange rates, and are unfair to book retailers and buyers alike, and I fully support the campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Kai Ying Chan
Graeme Deuchars

when i was in uk recently books were very much cheaper than here in Australia..same books.. We seem to pay very high prices for paper back novels etc when same can be bought elsewhere for much less I urge you to consider removal of restrictions for importation thus allowing more access for us. Thank you Will help us become a smarter nation

Helen Mccurdie
Chris Maddison

I have had experience of these imported prices - we purchased books for my granddaughter in the UK. The exact same books were more than double the cost (even with allowing for fluctuating exchange rates) once they arrived in Australia.

Frances Mills
Alisanne Hall
Natasha Claxton
Nicole Phelps
Natalia Siau
Amanda Murray
Paul Kenny
Christina Thompson
Victor Marwick
Emma Handley
Victoria Elliott
Melissa Cox
Chi Vo
Kate Sung
Vivian Escudero
Supawan Mclean
Rhiannon Kerr
Frank John
Geraldine Massey
Denise Wood
Glen J. Barry

YAY FOR CHEAPER BOOKS! =)

As an avid reader, I would appreciate books being a little more affordable.

I strongly agree with Dymocks position on this issue.

In an age of increasing technology , the pure and simple joy of holding a book in your hands and reading for pleasure, leisure or information, should not be denied. Access for all through affordability is almost a basic right and something we should all strive for for future generations. If the prices continue to rise, people will not purchase books but simply go on-line or book share or further use libraries, thus reducing income for writers and probably will deter others from pursuing this profession.

Valerie Corva
Lynne Mannolini
Edward Kong

I have travelled overseas for years, and have always wondered why books were cheaper there. I would love to see books come back down in price. It's mad that we pay \$20 for a thin paperback these days.

Peter Easdown
Natalie Thompson
Shanan Anderson
Baerbel Paun
Stephanie Momsen

It's about high time Australia removed its anti-competition laws - I feel like I'm in a communist country!

Angela Ritchie
Julie Mcconnell

Cassandra Coogan
Sue Marshman
Lois Hill
Belinda Thompson
Ann McMahon

The best books should be available at the cheapest prices to reflect economy of scale and increased penetration of readership.

Ashish Ganda
Maryam Freeman
Linda Doyle
Frank Haydock
Neil Thompson
Elizabeth Smart

education is in books not a screen! i need them to be an affordable way to bring my baby girl up with!

Kate Trask
Dylan Clark
Anne Kennedy
Laura Hurley

Access to knowledge should be easier for everyone - not just those who have money.

Belinda Pestana

I support your petition, many books are out of the reach of families as they cannot afford them, everyone should have the opportunity to read.

Christine MacPhee
Sarah Ozanne
Bonnie Chan
Karen Duchar
Angela Thompson
Nicola Ballantyne

I do believe prices of books are too high!

Murray Webster
Melanie Todd
John Scown
Lindy Creighton
Jane Flower
Jeffrey Ruff
Angela Capaldi
Janice Hudson
Amanda Banfield
Sue Block
Emma Smith
Michelle Godfrey

buy many books online from uk because cheaper even adding postage!
Cheaper books will increase the amount of reading done by Australians which surely is beneficial for both individuals and the country.

Angel Wolfe
Mark Stephens
Patricia Lianos
Kate Wheeldon
Skye Monckton
Janelle Prouatt
Julie Hodsman
Terrence Solliss
Elaine Dunwoody

This will be great as I actually buy most of my books through the internet as books are so bloody expensive here in Australia, even with the rate of exchange at the moment it is still cheaper to get my books OS. So this will mean that I can get my books here and keep my money in Australia instead of spending it overseas.

Tatiana Nguyen
Maria Gemmell
Penny Jones
Gabrielle Ho

DO NOT INFLATE BOOK PRICES! THEY ARE THERE TO EDUCATE! NOT HARM ANYONE!

Valerie Jane	Harris Garnsey	
Sharon Sarah Shirley Jim	Onyett Breckenridge Wilding Grant	Being on a disability support pension, this would be the only way I could afford to buy new books...
Yvonne Natalie Maribel Georgina William	Imms Ngo Locke Hartley Shorrock	Australians have always paid more for books than almost anywhere eLse - if we allow thiis to go through they will be even more expensive. As pensioner who reads constantly I can't afford this. PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN
Vanessa Claude Julie Antonina Michael	Smith Lecomte Vincent Cocilovo Loh	It is commonly accepted by economists that restrictions on international trade (except in the case of illegal items) ultimately results in an inefficient economy. Australia has engaged in a substantial program of trade reform - so now let's do the same with books.
Judith Phoebie Philippa James Adrienne Lynne Linda Christine Dorothy	Donnelly Amos Gorton Owen Mercer Sclanders Miskin Bailey Bennett	We need to encourage literacy in this country and if books become more available due to reduced costs then it will benefit everyone Appreciating your efforts and good luck!
Lucy	Egger-girardin	Cheaper books bought in Australia means I won't have to order books online (often cheaper, even including postage costs) from overseas booksellers and watch my money leave Aussie shores. I would rather spend locally any day. This campaign has my full support.
Lisa	Ziazan	Books should be more affordable for everyone to enjoy them and encourage literacy and knowledge acquisition
Caroline Wendy Kathleen Melissa Toni Prue Peter Jessica	Neary Whitford Epelde Macbean Steel Salter Watkins Hillier	Books should be made as available as possible to all Australians, very young through to very old. It is through books that young minds develop and older minds keep active and are able to broaden their interests. BOOKS SHOULD BE MADE AVAILABLE AT THE VERY LOWEST POSSIBLE COST TO ALL CONSUMERS. My theory is: "Children should LEARN TO READ as young as possible so that they can spend a lifetime READING TO LEARN." Regards, Caroline Neary

Books are currently, in my opinion, a complete rip-off. Young teenagers such as myself, who are bookworms and absolutely adore reading should be allowed to read books and expand our horizon of thoughts and our vocabulary, we should not have to pay a fortune (especially when we are only young teenagers and are not eligible to have a job yet) just to read. Books are filled with knowledge and since when did we have to pay for knowledge?

Gina Zheng

not all people can afford books, and for those that have children, books are a part of their growing up, so that they can learn to read and so that they can progress and develop their imaginative side, lower book prices will benefit all.

Aisha Ozolins
Renee Alice Halcrow
Con Iannello
Razvan Cristoloveanu
Lori Petchell
Georgia Holmes
Louise Grenda
Barbara Harris
Janice Iannello
Pamela Smith

i fully agree with this submission

It's important that Australia remains competitive in the international market and by removing restrictions, it will ensure that customers order locally. I know that I often shop internationally via the internet as books can be cheaper, even with postage charges, to purchase that way. So the local market will miss out more and more as people catch on to this.

Maureen Dolan
Emma Mcguire
Nola Tranter
Rebecca Stielow
Patricia White

We should be encouraging more people especially younger people to read and this would be a positive change in assisting this aspect. encourage to read not sit on computers and like.

Terry Miles
Patrick McMaster

It is about time this rule was overturned.

International exchange of books, although need to be regulated through trade taxes and maintain its foreign value should still be priced and reasonably for local consumers. It is tremendously unfair to increase on the cost through this law. Fair trading is definitely not promoted here, and the productivity commission has been nothing but counter-productive here with this matter.

Jessica Qiu
Rose Huang
Gillian Beazley
James Butler
Christopher Jones
Quentin Wright
Bec Toth
Ron Percival
Sandy Lamb
Cheryl Sharp
Vic Deutrom

I am an avid reader and I do find myself purchasing books over the internet from overseas companies. I would prefer to purchase from Australia but when I see the difference in prices even with the exchange rate I purchase from overseas. I know a few people who also do that. BRING ON CHEAPER BOOKS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Julia Featherston
Rosette Lee
Marilena Anastassiou

I strongly support the push for cheaper books so that they are affordable by all sections of the community. Books provide opportunity for recreation, learning and skills development in all fields of life and should be easily accessed as required.

Mary Blaiklock

Kelly	Iannello	Reducing the price slightly will make more people buy books themselves instead of borrowing a friends!
Angela	Muir	
Natalie	Sommer	Being a person who wants to one day have their own library and who is interested in all kinds of books, from all over the world, the current laws are a serious restriction on my dreams and my budget :(
Shamindra	De Lanerolle	
Stuart	Dorward	Our only hope in this current crisis is to facilitate global free trade. Artificial support for higher prices is a long-run trap.
Ralph Peter	Forster	
Craig	Zimmerman	it is time to remove these restrictions
Judith	Tanner	
Mariano	Llana	I would love to see cheaper books as I buy so many
Stephanie	Hatzinicolaou	
Brooke	Ryan	books are still vital if you want an educated nation
Adrian	Deutrom	
Phillip	Gageler	Have been frustrated by this unfair restriction. As an aged pensioner I have not been able to afford the purchase in Australia of significant historical books which availale in the USA & UK at a very much cheaper price.
John	Kitchen	
Louise	Kirey	This will bring about great benefits for society and should be implemented soon. In my family we are bringing our children up to love books and reading for pleasure and education. Please help us and other families to do this by making books more affordable.
Val	Lawson	
Frances	Arguelles	
Brendan	Florio	
Geoffrey	Pittaway	
Robyn	Shobbrook	
Nadine	Horton	
Anne	Brown	
Sandra	Martin	
Daniel	Paperny	
Fiona	Thomson	
Gordon	Love	
Emily	Dickson	
Kevin	Deutrom	
Kyle	Mitchell	
Andrea	Finger	
Elissa	Mckee	
Suzanne	Duncan	
Kerrie	Girdo	
Stephanie	Tan	
Sushama	Sharma	
Sushama	Sharma	
Danny	Go	
Diane	Schofield	
Cassie	Tapper	
Sarah	Blakeway	
Sarah	Butler	
Brad	Jones	
Carolyn	Pyle	
Michelle	tomkinson	
Jeanette	Howes	
James	Israel	
Kerryl	Noble	
Sushama	Sharma	
Michael	Bedward	

Louise King
Renelle Mower
sally cahill
Kelly Le
Les Feiglin

i agree with Dymock, this will only result in less Australians reading.

Meredyth An Deutrom
Andrew Murray

I fully agree with this proposal as it is about time we are able to source books from the most competitive markets.

Terri Kidd
Suzanne Brndusic
Wendy Thomas
Jacqui Oulton
Vivien Hewitt
Olivia Djendjinovic
Susan Taylor
Melissa Boardman
Sherryn Bennett
Michael Browning
Angela Evangelinou-Yiannakis
Deidre Timms
Lauren Murray
Melinda Michael
Sam Karpiniac
Melinda Tan
Claudette Prindable
Lois Pearce
Kelvin Tran
Josette Jaisingh
Dinah Morgan
Michelle Granzow
Helen Dymond
Phyllis Dadley-moore
Kathrina Majcher
Amanda De La Garde
Robyn Hanney
Robyn Hanney
Vicky Kosmas
Jenny Lee
Jacq Parkes
Jody Langmaid
Donna BATTAMS

We need to be encouraging people to read books, the cost is higher than they need to be. Local book shops need to be able to compete with on line suppliers who source their books from overseas.

I wholeheartedly support the cheaper books campaign - Dinah Morgan

Peter Cochrane
Jeni Owens
Joan Pratt
Sarah Corbett
Niki Micallef
Judith Fritz
Richard Portlock
Sarah Jane Stanton
Sonya Luzar
Gweneth Baker
Danica Jeffrey
Colin Attard
Julie Banks

I deserve to have cheaper books and so does the rest of Australia.
We have been exploited for far too long, as we were with CD's. Certainly it's time we fixed this up.

Joanne Hunt
Tracy Hartley
Loren Zarb
Meischak Doyle
Kirstina Pushik
Rena Ward
Heli Jackson
Marcia Davidson
Mark Knight

A good book a good friend, please believe for older citizens it is important to be able to purchase at reasonable prices.

Elaine Graham
Kalene Cassie
Yvonne Bousfield
Mary Jean Sarenas
Renata Lenzo
Michelle Roberts
Carmen Famularo
Jorge Mario Barajas
Rachael Bryce
Robert Woodland

It is time that books came down especially in this difficult economic times.

Shirleen Browne Wooltrich
Georgina Coombs
Tanya Thornton

I am a uni student and youth worker and need to purchase books at a reasonable price for both work and study.

Sarah Johnstone
Robyn Butcher
Sarah Buchanan
Melissa Hitchcock
Eleanor Griffiths
Patrick Stapleton
Poppy Pandelios
John Ross
Marie Therese Daly
Joey Altaffer

Australians should not be disadvantaged by having to pay more for books than citizens of other countries! How are we ever going to increase our literacy if books are prohibitively expensive?

Hillary Ray
Sabina Olszanowski

Books are far too expensive here in Australia and Australian booksellers suffer as a result because most of us will simply order from Amazon.com or other American booksellers instead of buying the books here.

Kimvannary Suos
Raien Connellan
Ian Thompson
Byron Porter
Naomi Lee
Christine Manning
Bonnet Lorraine

If you believe that all Australians should develop adequate and/or better literacy levels by a certain development stage - referring to students of all ages - then access to appropriate reading materials should be available at a reasonably affordable price - as not all individual's preferential books can be found at your local libraries. Reading is not just a hobby, it is also for an individual's psychological and philosophical development, providing a pathway for improved comprehension and logical thinking skills through literary understanding. It is crucial that, in order to aid all Australians to develop profound literacy skills, books should be a complement to their aid and not a supplement of their deficiency. This can be supported if books are kept at reasonably affordable prices.

Rosie Mooney
Richard Kemp
Susan Way
Malanie Godschalx
Karen Garner
Carmel Moore
Katie Mealey
David Blockley
Zazeh Morifftis
Pauline Hartman

THE MORE REASONABLE THE PRICE OF BOOKS THE MORE PEOPLE WILL READ

Rhonda Gibson
Layla Chalmers
Emma Chidgey
Liza Mcquaid
Alexandra Rajewski
Charles Roberts
Helen cooke
Genevieve Canh
Nicole Arnold
Amy Basha
Elizabeth Duncan
Kerrie Kellner
Eloise Barber-cato
David Smith
Ben Rae
Roanne Young

It's gotta happen. It does.

Linda Tran
Kirsty Grey

the price of some books can just be ridiculous, i mean \$40 for a book is just crazy. i hope this brings the prices down!!

Rhys Williams
Amy Slater

Books are an essential part of life, more so, access to knowledge and books from all over the world in a time such as we are experiencing. People have less money, books offer a retreat from everyday life - don't make them more expensive.

Malvina Yock
Joan Apthorp
Emma Job
David Nolan
Shahana Rind
Megan Cusack
Perry Trundle
Lesley Watts
Amy Macfarlane

Anything that helps puts less expensive books into the hands of all Australians is worth supporting.

Michalina Vinci

Thank you for your consideration of future generations (and current ones!) who will have better financial opportunities to access hard copies of texts rather than rely on electronic ones. It will make turning the pages and rereading books more sensory-acute and stimulating. Bravi!

Colleen Stephen
Linda Mcdonald
Ranie Sudarsono
Adrienne Rothwell

Books are now so expensive that I am unable to purchase them unless on special. In fact, I am forced now to borrow books from a library. Surely this restraint of trade should be removed to provide cheaper books to the consumer!

Kim Hackwood

As a mother who struggles to afford books for her children, I would appreciate any changes in legislation that would reduce the price of books not increase it.

Books are far too expensive here in Australia. With finances becoming tight for everyone their sales will go down unless they are made more affordable.

Juliette Sullivan
Julie-Anne Younis
Trish Cuthbert
Clint Pargeter
Lucy Smailes
Merilyn Ellerton
Claire Criddle
Kelly Morley
Carl Bartetzko
Melissa Pisani
Kelly Ostwald
John Ziersch
Sarah Tole
Maureen Moore
Peter Tozer
Sarah Christensen
Naomi Oliver
Sandra Chapman
Kieran Larkin

We should always look at getting the best price for the customer.

I have a family of four who thrives on reading books. With today's economic climate it is making it more and more difficult to afford to purchase books for my family to read. I strongly believe reading is vitally important so therefore make the books cheaper for people to purchase then more would be sold.

Lee-Anne de Roo
Christine Ruwhu
Deanna Vesey
Alison Maunder
Chelsy Young
Wendy Fung

I am an avid reader and bought both my children up to have a love of books. I would like my granddaughter to have the same love of books but in this harder economy books may be the first thing to go from the budget. As Local Councils are also feeling the economic pinch the libraries will not have the buying power to be able to keep up with demand. A smart country is one that has literate children!

Ronda Lynch
Claudia Betia
Billie Sia
Odette Baxter
Mei Ko

Book prices are ridiculously high in Australia. Books should be easily affordable and accessible. If they're not affordable, they're not accessible. Please do everything possible to lower the cost of books so that Australians on modest incomes can afford to buy and thus read more books. Thank you for your efforts.

Svetlana Li
Ben Duffield
Jane Verco
Nicole Williams
Timothy Webb
Linda Bennett

It is a contradiction that we claim to have an open economy yet place restrictions on trade in some market segments.

Hardy Wilson
Bernard Harris

Preventing Australia from descending into sloven illiterate ignorance can be stopped by making literature more readily available to all!!

Samantha Coleman
Elizabeth Wright
Julio Santarelli

Kimberley	Anderson	<p>This is so good books are fantastic I see so many kids growing up unable to read and with cheaper books I would donate books to schools</p> <p>I think that with all the free trade on other goods it's unfair not to do likewise with books! More people would be encouraged to read if they were cheaper.</p> <p>Australian books are overpriced compared to the rest of the world, buying books in non english speaking countries are the same price we pay here, which is ridiculous. Australian bookstores often lose my custom simply because it is cheaper to buy from the USA and pay postage than it is to buy here.</p>
Rebecca	Ludwig	
Sharon	Bell	
Lester	Gaudry	
Richard	Hodgman	
Denise	Douglas	
Harmony	Turnbull	
Mandy	Pogson	
		<p>I fully support ths approach and do not believe that Australian content will be adversely affected. With the advent of the Internet and globalisation, the relevent market is broader than Australian printed books, but extends globally. Australian content and ideas can and do feed a global market; we do not need archaic restrictions to protect us. Mark Eames</p>
Mark	Eames	
Brett	Dalton	
Angie	Zhang	
Christopher	Barton	Should of been pushed for years ago!
Anne	Carroll	
Pam	Ransom	
Amy	Ha	
Dinusha	Ratnaweera	
Kerrie	Rom	Reading is an amazing tool - everyone should be able to afford it.
Bradley	Howe	
		<p>I note that hardback books manufactured in the United States are typically produced with better quality materials (including acid free paper and quality sewn cloth bindings) than their cheap Australian cardboard counterparts. I would welcome the freeing up of the market to allow such products to be sold in Australia at competitive prices.</p>
Martin	Matthews	
Marie	Black	
Luke	Johns	
Sharon	Newman	
Jannette	Kennedy	This will enable my family to read more books than we can currently afford
Jo-anne	Dimopoulos	
Lara	Philipson	
Richard	Ward	
Miriam	Morgan	
Jacqueline	Yen	Cheaper books to further our own self-learning!!!!
Isabelle	Devos	
Keren	Ham	
		<p>Having moved here from the UK I am amazed that books in Australia are sold for up to three times the price they are back home, and there is no choice but to pay these ridiculous prices! I strongly support the removal of these restrictions.</p>
Joanna	Laughton	
Jane	Lock	
Alicia	Cronin	
		<p>To restrict importation for 12 months is ridiculous! Some books are ridiculously priced as it is and it can't be easy for Dymocks to compete with Big W and other places who obviously source their books elsewhere. Books should be priced like CDs. They are something can become quite costly when you are buying books every 2-3 months. i love reading but books are so expensive. I am supporting the coalition for Cheaper Books!</p>
Lee	Snell	
Corina	Treitl	
Glenda	Dean	

Andrew	Nicolson
Carl	Southern
Penny	Cook
Amrita	Lal
Georga	Kemp
Angela	Johnson
Hoi Wai	Yuen
Therima	Noorgat
Linda	Trace
Debra	Fulop
ANNE	MCINTOSH
David	Enders
Kelly	Hu
Dot	Vassallo
Marg	Schreenan
Graham	Brookes
Peter	Harper

Reading is something that you either love or loathe. I have tried to set a good example to my children by reading to them - they also know that Mum has a 'quiet hour' on Sunday where she reads a bit of her book herself. In this era of technology, reading a book is something of an odity! But it is also a skill that can be enjoyed for many years - and handed on. Yes the economy has nose dived, things cost more, Australia is struggling - but how many books are actually published here, why put reading out of the reach of ordinary Australians?? Keep books affordable, encourage kids to read - make more books part of the Australian school curriculum, lets not be too hasty to tax books as it may come back to bite us!

Victoria	Kidd
Pauline	Hunt
Steven	Brown
Yasheng	Hu
Cassandra	Miller
Katrina	Lee

We need cheaper books with the same price as Amazon.

The high price of books is detrimental to the healthy functioning of society as whole. There have been numerous non-fiction books I would like to have bought and studied but have not due to ridiculously high prices (eg over \$100 per book!).

Marvin	Oka
Gillian	Cahill
Pamela	Brinsmead
Edith	Orokity
Ken	Fitzgerald
Sandy	Taylor
Carl	Peacey
Maryanne	Murphy
Tim	Hasted
Chelsea	Gargan

Books are indeed expensive, comparing them to DVD's and CD's. The prices are unacceptable and it is also clear that they are inconsiderate - making consumers pay more for goods when clearly cheaper alternatives are out there. Forcing us to pretty much import elsewhere, ironic considering the purpose.

Kelvin	Ho
Jessica	Tuffilli
John	Connolly
Barbara	Warren
Heather	Carruthers

Rob	D`Entremont	Due to the high cost of purchasing books locally, especially computer related books, I often order them over the internet from places like Amazon. I purchase several books at a time and even with the exchange rate and shipping costs I usually still save significantly over the local price. I will continue to shop for books overseas so long as they remain so expensive here in AU.
Caroline	Disouza	I am a school teacher and I would like to see all my students have a future with books. Books are far too expensive under the current rules! If we want to encourage people to read and improve the general education of our population, we need less expensive books.
Warren Janet	Bain Titley	I have always felt we in Australia have had to pay excessive prices for books available even in third world countries at half to one third the prices we are quoted. Thank you for developing this petition.
Henry Jessica	Eaton Finnegan	The price of books over the last decade has really reached the point of being criminally obscene. It's about time they came down. Prices of books here are far too high. It is a crazy system when it is cheaper to buy online from another country. I should prefer to support local booksellers
Evan	Johnson	
Gwyn Margo Laila Melinda Ally Lucinda	Ingham Nguyen Buckley Sipthorpe Hicks Clarke	
Jacqueline Rebecca Samia	Finlayson Greaves Sabin	Support for Australian businesses, particularly Australian subsidiaries of overseas multi-nationals should not come at any price to the consumer. Australian readers have long lamented that book lovers in United Kingdom and USA, among others, have enjoyed more competitive pricing structures, while we have to pay disproportionately high retail prices to pursue our reading pleasure. With the caveat that authors and publishers receive fair compensation for their publishing rights, I am supportive of the Dymocks proposal to increase the competitiveness of book retailing in this country.
James Siouxsie Nicole Mione Patty Margaret Ross Melanie Kim Gaya	Rose Marson Reid-frost Caterer Pang Smith Websdale Mckenzie Freeman Skandakumar	These Unnecessary restrictions put lovers of books (bibliophiles) in an disadvantageous place especially when these current laws force us to buy from Australian based companies, with the majority of proceeds reaching foreign investors. By repealing these Archaic and Protectionist laws we allow the Australian consumer to get the best quality for their money, and further prevent publishers from holding booksellers to ransom over their "Australian produced"- I use this term Loosley goods.
Simone Aileen Tricia Pamela	Rodwell Tran Walsh Bellingham	I support a free market to all. Without having all the information, I suport the removal of the tarriffs on importing books providing it assists all book retailers and does not aid in creating more monopolistic power to the larger retailers by adding to their economies of scale.

Laura Pollock
Jenni Vincent
Donna Smith
Toni O'Brien
Jessica Edwards
John Meagher

If we are trying to encourage people, especially children to read more and get them out of looking at TV screens then why are we still paying so much for books?

Yay to cheaper books

Margaret Stapleton
Vanessa Di Blasio
Karen Lang
Ellen Newhouse
Emily Saint-Smith
Georgie Yeo
Louise Freeman
Heather Awcock
Geoff Nash

Books are very important to me and I fully support Dymocks in this campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Marilyn Pritchard
Brigitte Hamann
Christopher Miles
Lorraine Edwards

Any initiative that will reduce the price of books, whilst maintaining the rights of the writer and publisher would be welcome. As an avid reader - at least one book per week - I find it a very expensive hobby.

Robert Forgacs
Gail Graham
Elkin Meleng
Catherine McArthur

Surely this will assist scholarship greatly and make important research easier to undertake and more accessible for all.

Marie Wilson
Kate Browne
Jan Robert
Merilyn Green
Murli Rao
Jennifer Kowalick
Tania Butterworth
Susan Louise Edmonds

I am very keen that the copyright is preserved for authors, but feel that if local booksellers are to stay in business we need to be competitive in Australia. So many people buy their books from Amazon or such like so the Australian booksellers are cheated of potential customers. Marie Wilson

Tanama Naidoo
Claire Pearson
Mary Milton
Amanda Phillips
Niina Aoki
Robert Green

Booklover wanting cheaper books, especially as I'm a full time student!! Best petition ever.

Jodie Beecraft
Anna Hitchcock
Beverley Smith
Mena Kakakios
Judith Collins
Li Yen Ong
Vi Hoang
Finlay Shiralee

I live in Central QLD and as such have access to one small book store and a library with limited selection. Because of this I don't get to read as much as I'd like to if books were cheaper I'd be able to buy and read more books.

This is a vitally important matter and relevant to our national maturity.

I think that by doing this our literacy levels in our current society will strengthen due to the lower costs in books. Education is the very essence to success, every student is entitled to have cheaper books for learning. Book being so expensive makes some families stress needlessly. Cheaper books will definitely aid the students of this current day and age a better chance to rise above the standard that has been set in the past. Making education more affordable with today's crisis is very important. So I totally support this coalition in this fight. Thank you

Xiaodong Li
Diane Beauglehall
Sharon Stuart
John Arthur Shepherd
Patricia Lowe
Fred Lusk
Michele Grumont
Alethea Johnston
Glenda Gillespie
Rodney A Barwick
Marel Pike

Exclusive agents equals added costs. I strongly support the cheaper books campaign. An educated population does not happen without a reduction in costs. Books and information at a low cost result in a better educated population. Australia needs a better educated population.

Denise Broux
Kylie Chesterfield
Wendy Ranger

The cost of books especially to families with a number of children is frightening. It is in the interest of this country to do everything in its power to ensure that families are not disadvantaged by unjust levies on the cost of books. Believe me, with a family of eight children I know what I am talking about.

Margaret Wedding
Glynis Dunning

E Gayle Tollifson

I have supported such an initiative for some time and would welcome changes to Australia's protectionist stance.

Sylvia Busby
Ian Davis
Nikhil Wahi
Glenda Gillespie
Flora Barwick
Susan Greenwood

Knowledge comes from reading and books should be at an affordable price for everyone to enjoy

I support this petition

Ben Isbill
Per Smith
Theresa Hill
Chris Marjo
Janja Vrzina

The Australian public is struggling financially; does the government want us to support the economy by spending on things like books or not? It seems like a pretty simple equation to me. Removal of parallel importation restrictions = cheaper books = more people can afford to buy books = healthier economy. Books are key to education and relaxation.

Maryann Craig

don't inflate our books.. they are already getting more expensive. Our children would miss out on growing up with books, like we did, if they become too expensive, don't take that away from them.

Michael Anth Perrott

Continuation of the current protectionist policy for printed media is contrary to the present Australian Government and other Leading Nation policy for countries not further exasperate the GFC by engaging in protectionist policies. The double handling of printed media, for no gain in value, is a negative waste of labour and just detracts from Australia's GDP. Printed media should have the same free access to Australia as does the electronic media, e.g. CD's. Michael Perrott

Books are exceptionally expensive in Australia with GST added , and far more expensive than in U.K. With the current economic climate this is effecting people majorly and as such is causing a reduction in the number of people who can afford to buy books. We should be reducing the price to encourage more people to read and cultivating more scholars and academics in Australia. This would help us to grow as a Nation!

Katrina	Mc Kibbin
Kris	Morgan
Helen	Hung
Andrew	Nasibi
Victoria	Staunton
Thomas	Leffers

I'm a current highschool student, and although there are a lot of books to choose from in our local and school libraries, it has to be acknowledged that not all books can be provided through those sources. I consider myself a booklover, and indulge in buying books when I have the money, but it would be greatly appreciated if these books were cheaper. It doesn't seem that expanding one's knowledge and literacy skills should be placed at such an inflated price. If the government wants to support the maturity of literacy skills in Australian children as well as adults, than what better way to do that than lowering the price of the greatest literary sources we have - books.

Samantha	Evans
Stephen	Phillips
Anne	Forbes
Jillian	Terry
Melissa	Chan
Kimberley	Griffiths
Beverley	Earnshaw
Kerry Anne	Bakker
Verity	Ackling
Kimberley	Moncay
Nicholas	Buss
Kirsten	Brownlee
Tess	Ebinger
Michael	Aaronson
Gillian	Gorey
Emily	Fang
Vanessa	Tang
Frank	Vaarwerk

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Michael Anth	Perrott
Dianne	Ward
Srinath	Gunasekera
Mark	Steemson
Bronwyn	Carrigy
Krish	Karthigasu
Paul	Shadbolt
Kah Wai	Hew
Jasmine	Searle
Judy	Malone
Kathryn	Luff
Carolyn	Karthigasu
Sandra Kay	Barr
Sarah	Seddon

Justin Tracey	Beasley Camp	
Eliza Lois Clive Amy Frits Sjorcha	She Chenery Cottle Clark Dijkstra Daynes	Books should definitely be cheaper as they are essential to the education of children
Brad Georgina Meg	Cooper Saroukos Madeley	As a student, I find the price of books to be crippling. As someone who also reads for leisure I find the price of an average new release book at \$35 to be exorbitant.
Judy Jenni Edwina John Jessi Courtney Judy	Brittain Smith Privitera Trotter Harding Page Fondum	We should all be supporting cheaper books and as a teacher that doesn't see enough children reading anything that makes books cheaper is a great idea!!! I very much support this campaign. Thanks
Maree	Earnshaw	Please put them down!
Wayne Raylene Jim Vicky Leanne Myrtle Ines Xiao Jason	Haig Mcperson James Deeks Holgate Sirmulis Parker Zheng Dunnett	I rarely purchase books locally, finding it much cheaper to by online at Amazon.. even after currency conversion and postage, the books are significantly cheaper than those available in West Australian book stores. If I could purchase my books at reasonable prices here in Perth, I would surely do so. I can order books through Amazon, get them delivered to my house for less than I can at a local bookstore and circumvent the law. \$50.00 for a hard back and \$20+ for a softback locally is crazy.
Karen Deborah Alan Katerina Grace Carmester Amanda	Yu Larkin Henderson Maros- Mantzoros Williams Palencia Young	Reading forms a huge part of education, culture, literacy level and our enjoyment of life and standard of living. Books are already not cheap, would further discouraging readership be any use? If buying books becomes too expensive, I personally feel I'd rather order mine online in mass buys to overcome shipping costs. And that would move business out of Australia, yet again, not effective to the aim?

This stranglehold on timely access to world literature for Australians almost ranks with the burning of the books in Nazi times! Anything that militates against accessible prices for books reduces availability for very many would-be purchasers and presumably libraries and sources of books for readers.. People are retreating more and more to the world of the computer and fewer readily purchasable books will further discourage potential readers from the so much more satisfying habit of reading.

Elsbeth Barclay
 Mimi Le
 Tiffany May
 Mary Hasouros
 Sandy Koo
 Akansha Ram
 John Cochrane
 Catherine Butt
 Anastasija Stefanovic
 Christine Li
 Anne Kerlin

Barry Sommer

This is another instance of control of trade. In a global economy that lauds free trade there is no excuse to maintain this artificial trade barrier.

I have four children and with books around the \$15 to \$20 limits the amount I will buy them to read. They all love reading and have their favourite authors. I would love cheaper books for them.

Margaret Smith
 Dawn Vanvliet
 Debbie Berens

I am originally Canadian and everytime I return to Canada I buy so many books there as the price is considerably lower than here. I have always been shocked at the expense of books in Australia. If we want to interest people in continuing to read books in this time of recession it is vital to remove the restrictions allowing this in Australia.

Leslie Pigott
 Liya Xu
 Michelle Schaafsma
 Jamie Harnn

As an educator and teacher of children, I strongly believe in the purpose behind this petition. Books are something to be cherished as well as enjoyed, and children deserve the best opportunity at the best prices available. Many a time I have come across beautiful books with messages of morals, purpose of life, and how to interact with others, only to be discouraged by the cost. This cost factor is often the reason behind the lack of books in low-economic homes - homes where it is particularly important. Please consider this petition seriously and act upon it in the interest of our children. Jacqueline Sheehan

Jacqueline Sheehan
 Jennifer Schussler
 Ben Petersen
 Mia Turner
 Roxanne Ozanne
 Ayesha Ahmed
 Richard Brock
 Coleen Craddock
 Lynette Milan
 Charles Wallace
 Jennifer Weller
 Nathan Feick
 Lidija Juka
 Portia Bellew
 Kylie Chilvers
 Lucy Tran
 Mark Hill

Good Luck with your goal, hope it works out for you!!!!

Dave	Moore	
Sarah	Romanes	I believe that books should be cheaper as it is not fair that we are paying such high prices for them when markets overseas have the very cheap. Eg. the US
Jeanette	Tulley	
Natalie	Salvemini	
Bronwyn	Senn	
Anwar	Osman	
Allana	Mason	If we can remove the it on CD's we should be able to do it on books.
Liza	Carvalho	
Kate	Crothers	
David	Zivcic	
Ann	Butcher	
Daniel	Court	
Manoj	Gupta	
Caroline	Paz	
Jess	Williams	
Kerstin	Hurst	
Claudia	Holmes	
Elysse	Overland	
Julie	Moore	
Joanne	Yeo	
Fiona	Martyn	
Margaret	Brozinski	
Katherine	Brown	
Ying	Chen	
Mina	Le	
Samantha	Simms	
Libby	Plaza	
Peter	Armati	We have been ripped off for decades. Please stop this rort.
Helen	Simmons	
Kai	Zhu	
Rebecca	Dunstan	Absolutely - bring on cheaper books and encourage reading!
Daphne	Hargreaves	
Thanh-ha	Nguyen	
James	Baumgarten	
Janine	Laughlan	We love books and it costs us much money buying books.
Christine	Taylor	
Vicki	Jacks	Books need to be available for all to purchase and not a luxury item. Please do all you can to make books more affordable.
Karen	Nowak	
Carla	Costagliola	
Robert	Tomkins	
Mohana	Yethiraj	Yes - cut out useless middlemen. They add no value.
Julieanne Sk	Saint- Laurence	
Adrian	Yu	
Sheila	David	
Mark	Rickards	
Vhia	Rose	
Pamela	Israel	
Rosemary	George	
Cameron	Chee	
Elyse	Downham	
Cassidy	Shelton	
Marilyn	Pretorius	Books are vital for the development of the nation's education and intellectual capital. They should be affordable.

I thought this was a 'free country' without restrictions.....Books open our minds, whether it be fiction or not. Please don't restrict Australians from getting the books we want. Those of us who can barely afford the high prices now don't need any more pressure. For some of us, books are our friends.....

Luisa Watters
Sarah Kirkham
Krystyna Kidson

I agree that making books cheaper to buy, literacy in Australia will improve dramatically. i work in a Library and this decision will affect myself and my workplace dramatically in a positive way.

Alison Bambach
Julia Moszczynski
Roshan Dhammapala
Roger Chan
Stacey Hart
Cathy Sheen
Susan Kicsak

Please do this to make books more accesible to everyone - reading is one of the greater pleasures in life and it is important that young people develop their reading skills -more access and lower prices will encourage this.

Lyn Wotton
Samantha Cooper
Emilia Farkas
Corinne Al Natour
Ashley Edgar

Also I would like to say that I don't except Dymocks price policy, since I can buy up to 50% better priced in other shops. Your Management should review costs wasted in flashy offices, cars etc. end bring it back to better offers, so you don't loose the customers. I would like to spend more money for my children in your shop due to service and quality not to price! Another little advise from my experience from overseas. A childrens corner with chairs or 'beenbags' in australia would support mum's when trying to 'spend money' in your shop and there is hardly enough room to get around the shelves with shopping bags and children in your care. Last but not least: I tried to purchase exlibres (stickers to personelise book ownership) but shops told me they run out and they would not be able to o

Nadja Bamberg
Alice Yu
Anne Baker
Karen Fitzgerald
Virginia Familton
Claire Neyland
Jenny Oakley
Ivonne Lizama
Rhys Politis
Peter Petrou
Chris Landon
Paul Allinson
Valarie Sawran

For Australia to learn we need books cheap so all Australian's can make our country a better place to live now and for the future.

Margaret Martin
Sarah Vitsas
Anita Moyes
Madeline Darvell
Monica Vu
Alexandra Mellas
Nina Estigoy

CHEAPER BOOKS!

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. This is very important for the Developmemnt and Education of our whole community especially our young.

Stephen Brehny

Kevin Frawley		Having spent many years in the past as a student and later an academic, I know the impact of this book pricing.
Yvonne Ruth Dodds		
		Americans can buy books much cheaper than us which convinces my peers and I to buy books online from overseas. If Australian books were cheaper we would buy them, keeping the money within Australia. Isn't that what we want right now seeing as we are in a recession...
Emily Herringe		
Nat Wong		
Thea Kramer-woodbridge		
Marisa Cardamone		
Sandra Sampson		
Maureen Nichols		
		I fail to see why a simple system (which is already in place for the locally published books) of passing royalties back to the author could not be implemented on imported books.
Richard Laznik		
Rodney Manton		
		Australians deserve cheaper books and deserve not to have prices dictated by third parties. Let the market operate as it should. Allow the retailers to source books from the cheapest supplier!
Christopher Dunlop		
Ian Wilkinson		
Jiann Yuan Ho		
Sharon Kirkman-Mihail		
Denise Brown		
Marjorie McCann		
Jonathan Quiggin		
Amna Karen Hassan		I want cheaper books
Michele Wasson		
Roland Horner		
Boyd Kelly		
Christopher Siegmann		
Lynell Bothwell		
Megan Warren		
Audrey Lim		
Sarah Anderson		
Anna Driscoll		
Grace Tran		
Teena Hanson		
John Heath		
Andrew Rowe		
Elizabeth Hamilton		dont inflate the prices!!!
Magnus Persson		
Donelle Kidd		
Samantha Guinn		I wish I could sign this petition a million times over.
Merren Campbell		
Judith Cameron		Healthy competition will mean more books sold, not less.
Rohit Sud		
Rosemary Marks		
Robyn Stewart		I thought free trade meant free trade, so it should happen both ways!
Mai Bui		
Paula Mckenzie		
		The only thing keeping the price of books high will result in, is more people buying their books from overseas sources like amazon.com which wont help the Australian economy at all.
Elizabeth Angi		
Robyn Hall		
Virginia Minh		
Alenoosh Issaia		
Veronica Kerr		

Mary Ewers
Carl Battaglini
Jacob Mottram
Paul Brown
Cheryl Lamond
Jeff Petchell
Susan Wilkinson
Tek Shen Ling

Book buying should be encouraged for people with all levels of income, so reducing prices will pay dividends for the literacy of our nation.

truely about time as the price is getting out of hand

Robin Hawken
Julie Samerski
Ailsa Mcmanus
Jill Marsland

Cheaper books mean more people buy books. If Australian authors write good books surely they are more likely to sell if they are cheaper. Like all content in the current era the providers of the old business models need to realise the world has moved on and the days of the " middle men " being able to get their piece of the action from just being there are fastly disappearing . regards

Marcia Schwarcz
Elaine Hart
Stacey Hall
Trevor Wainstein
Julie Cutting

We need to do all we can to support reading in the community at large, as reading encourages and enhances communication, which is essential for the future of our species. Vocabulary is enlarged,and intelligence increased, by reading.

Anna Jackson
Poh-ling Chin

As a lover of reading, I find a lot of books unjustly expensive and out of my price range and I definitely support this push for cheaper books.

Wendy Saw
Christine Little
Megan Seymour
Casey Finigan
Traci Thornton
Katrina Boldt
Shirley Hoopert
Susanne Whelan

Cheaper books encourage reading, which increases literacy. A generation of children unable to think critically is no longer science fiction; it is a sad reality. Let's stop this.

Daniel Calcei
Stewart Unwin
Katharine Colegate
Jie Lin
Sonya Pryce
Janice Sommer
Megan Phillips
Bruce Williams
Nick Ceder
Sue Schubert
Shannon Wood
Sarah McInnes
Cassandra Bisinella
Thalia Ta

This is a fantastic initiative. Books, specifically, paperbacks. should not be \$20 when they can be had for \$10 from Amazon and similar sites.

Dorothy Brinkman
Matthew Smith

At the moment the cheapest way to buy books is online - and this is taking a lot of custom away from Australian booksellers.

Im currently in the UK now and I see that prices of books are reasonable which means everyone can get the opportunity to buy a novel, it opens creativity for every social class of person, it encourages the young to dream gives companionship to the old, it opens discussions, book clubs, literary groups...you cannot deny this from your people. I am appauled to think I came to the UK with our terrible exchange rate and still find books cheaper than what I can buy in Australia.

I remember when books cost \$10, now I am paying upwards of \$20 for the same sized book when the cost of publishing has gotten cheaper!

Silvana Bettiol
Casey Mckenzie
Philippa Roylance
Janine Caburian
Karen Knight

I believe that access to books at the lowest possible price should be a priority for all governments in order to encourage literacy and stimulate learning.

Michael Webb
Cora Baldock
David Carosin

Books are the path to education and knowledge, and knowledge should be cheap and accessible

Dan Layton
Amea Butterworth
Jocelyn Hodgson
Eduardo Mesity
Sean Blackwell
Linda Murray
Edgar Gonzales
Richard Robinson
Stephen Braun

There is no sense or justification of being part of a global market to revert to the rankest of protectionism when dealing with the profits that accrue to UK publishers

Paul Mc Evedy
Meulyn Bird
Salwah Kirk
Huong Tran
Honor Van Der Plight

Books are the cornerstone of great education and a first class back-to-basics entertainment form. If successful, this campaign to provide cheaper books will encourage more people to read instead of watching TV or playing video games, which will surely have some effect on the current environmental issues which Australia and the world are facing. If you remove these restrictions then more people than just book lovers will benefit.

Michelle Hanley
Katrina Wong
Jacqueline Manning
Quan Tran
Sue Goudas
Robert Yeo

books are knowledge, entertainment.

Why do I have to pay more when I should be allow to buy for less.
Because copyright will still be protected if restrictions are lifted, I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign.

Adriana Da Silva
Horst Gunthe Burkhardt
Wendy Liu

I support free access to the cheapest available versions of literature for the benefit of Australian readers.

Simone Foggo
Gabriele Von Tessin
Julie Mckinnery
Angela Jenkins
Rachel Pearson
Julie Hampton
Elizabeth Fraser
Segolene Autret

Melanie Phillips
Kenneth Smith
Georgie Wappet
Loraine Kwok
Patricia Tutt
Cienne Morton
Belinda Roberts
Daniel Lowe

With the economy down fall, us booklovers deserve a worthy retreat and that's in our books. If the price of the books are going to increase, the level of readers will reduce and I believe in today's society people are reading enough. Therefore, consider the fact that the creative arts not only bring the best out of people but implement many attributes to the viewer.

My Anh Nguyen
Clare Roberts

We should encourage people to read books. Helping bring the price down will also be a great thing for future generations to love to read.

Sabina Nakhuda
Kathy Hutchings
Vicky Hagios
Cassandra Crawley-Jones
Geoff Mckenzie
Patricia Johnson
Stephanie Buxton
Sarah Finch
Donna martin
Nilima Nadkarni
Jessica Kaldasoun
Merilyn Mayhew
Shirley Bishop

BOOKS ARE COOL!!!

Paul Harrison
Shane Froud
Eva Blaik
Nadine Anderson-conklin

These kind of restrictions should be removed to assist the World economy. There is no valid economic arguement for protectionism of this kind.

David Knox
Frank Heethuis
Nitya Malhotra

Bureaucracy sometimes is like cancer ... pervasive. This petition hopefully will shake up those who implement these restrictions.

Judith Burns
Ross Pooley
Diana Stevenson
Seherzada Omerbegovic
Vivien Sharpe
Anny Yao
Jenny Baker
Grant Spehr
Sonya Bridger

When travelling overseas it brings home the ridiculous regulations which prohibits many in Australia from reading and buying books, due to their high price. In the global market today, there should be no restrictive trade practices which prevent a level playing field and therefore encourages literacy in all age groups.

Karina Mcleod
Carley Hill
Helena Mayne
Jen Milne
Jillian Mottram
Christine Ewan

The current laws, have increased my online book shopping and I am spending my Australian dollars overseas to get cheaper books.

Thank you. It is great to know that something is being done.

Peter Howard
Sara Skjold
Benny Ling
Amelia Hohne
Davida Liang
Melanie Screen
Sam John Harris
Dee Maguire
Elisabeth Owen
Lone Petrov
Judith Bow
Soo Jin Jang
Virginia Farman
Rhonda Matthews
Samantha Painter
Renee Butler
Sally Cooper

Cheaper books mean more books for children to read.

Marcus Bonggi
Margaret Nicholas
Nancy Broer
Elizabeth Hooper
Irene Lowe
Bronwyn Reed
Clayton Wakefield
irene travers
Sonya Agius
Haining Sun
Fiona Louie
Angus Leung
Anthony Butler
Amanda Evans
Leanne Templeton
Andrea Wilkinson
Dudley Ousey
William Price
Aney Van Sittert
Xin Wen Koh
Louisa Manfre

Books are already too expensive. Keep them at this price or I will not buy anymore!

Wendy Wilson
Diane Lang

As a teacher and a parent I believe that the government should remove all restrictions as a way of demonstrating it's commitment to improving literacy standards in Australia. If books are expensive families with lower socio economic standards won't be able to afford them and thus children will miss out on an vital and wonderful resource.

Diana Woodman
Vickie Henry
Sarah Cotterill
Lorraine Belton
Rachel Beaver
Dianne Brissett

I buy books which have an inflated price because of the restrictions. I would buy more without them!!!

Koliarne Tong
Radhika Chaudhri
Grace Maynard
Maryanne Genrich

Excellent....!

Books help ensure that our nation is inspired, educated, and broad-minded. Please remove the restrictions.

Jennifer Thomas
Ana Tankosic
Samantha Macgibbon
Tino Cortellazzi
Jennifer Glover
Kanishka Jinna
Evelyn Tran
Jessica Wong
Anne Britton
Jill Overmyer
Amanda Waller
Daniel Huynh
Linda McCormack
Troy Terpens
Sue Cranstoun
Elisabeth Burgess

I WANT CHEAPER BOOKS :]

We need to encourage more reading so that books dont dissappear in favour of the internet and other medias. Dont make it any harder to buy good priced beautiful books please!

Sarah Maycock
Andrew Wangler
Benjamin Kellas
Elaine Gorman
Helen Sanderson
Matthew East
Christine Gough
Nikkita Woods
Jenny Isbill
Karina Rottinger
Elizabeth Hogan
Kelly Tran
Katrina Frio
Mark Thoner
Gloria Van Der Heg
Claire Watson
Chris Niall
Anne Gundry
Linzey Allinson
Ornella Scarvaci
Smita Kale
Melissa Ryke
Daniel Truslove
Glenis Sharp
Heather Croxon
Pamela Lockhart
Donovan de Souza
Brooke May
Jehna Williamson
Jayne Bowen

Nuff said

It is frustrating that a book is often much cheaper in the United States of America than in Australia. Even allowing for currency differences and freight it is sometimes cheaper to purchase a book from an overseas bookshop rather than an Australian bookseller. This is costing Australian jobs.

Paul Homes
Stephen Beatty
Michele Dean
Krystine Keen
Advie Ademi
Malak Daim

Jenny	Boyd	
Helen	Bunn	
Helen	Prince	
Veronique	Price	
Karen	Cancian	
Rick	Yun	
Judith	Laird	Access to books is an essential for any so called democracy
Alexia	Camilleri	
Troy	Garrett	
Marion	Snedden	
Rosanne	Harris	
Lisa	Scott	
Melita	Caulfield	
Sharon	Parkinson	
Lisa	G.	
Myfanwy	Wallwork	
Sharon	Parkinson	
John	Batchelor	Books have been too expensive for why too long - it is about time prices were lowered
Andrew	Roach	
Amy	Lu	
Michelle	Rabinov	
Melissa	Van Der Leeden	
Kaye	Eastwood	
Samantha	Jones	Book prices in this country should be somewhere between 20-30% less than what they are. I believe that we deserve cheaper books and by making books less dear will encourage people to buy books and therefore stimulate the economy, is this not what we want in the current financial crisis?
Neil	Hendrick	
Audrey	L	
Jessica	Wichmann	
Brett	Gibson	Books should never be regarded as a luxury. They are food for the mind and should be priced at an affordable cost.
Rosanna	Hart	
Debbie	Johnston	
Jo	Eltis	
Karen	Sarich	
Deborah	Baunach	
Karen	Sarich	
Barry	Powell	When I want to buy a particular title, in nearly all cases, I will buy online. Range and price from overseas sources is, within my experience, always the better option. The price differential is often substantial. Books and reading are so important!!!
Christine	Grant	
James	Cowie	
Julie	Azzopardi	
Robbie	Dickenson	
Brian	Cohen	
Iva	Pule'Aga	
Scott	Powell	
Marielle	Beazley	
Anne	Mcgrady	
Susan	Hurditch	Making books cheaply and freely available is the best way we can educate our young and bring pleasure and knowledge to all Australians.
Anne	Mason	
Paul	Hughes	

Books are so important for everyone. Getting kids excited about books is the key to a bright future. As an adult, being able to escape to a different place through a book is vital for a healthy mind. Books MUST be affordable and as such, I support this campaign and ask for the removal of restrictions.

People hesitate going to book stores like 'Dymocks' and 'Angus & Robetson', cause it's so expensive, compared to other stores that retail books. Such as 'Big W' and 'Target'. It's a shame, cause I love going into stores specifically for BOOKS. But it's just so expensive :(

Tarnya Kozlowski
Maricar San Andres
Jennie Mackintosh
John Stephenson
Violet Schanzer
Susan Sinclair
Stellamaris Newlands
Yvonne Packbier
Rozanne Just
Wendy Du Plessis
Robyn Turnbull

Literacy is to be encouraged in every way at all costs. We must make books cheaper and encourage reading. Our language skills are crucial if Australians are to competitive with the rest of the world.

Sandra Ardeshirian
Jennifer Mansour

This will help me purchase books in Australia - rather than skipping locals and buying imports online. Support business, support Australia, support the Coalition for Cheaper Books!

Kylie Sturgess
Geraldine Lee
Wayne Morgan
Linda De Bartolo
Carol Nichols
Miron Meydan

I support the coalition

I cant buy as many books as I would like due to the rising cost.

Protect our local businesses in EVERY possible way

Patricia Russell
Demi Grainger
Lu Chen
Richard Stevens
Barbara Moon
Sanjiv Pavan
Teresa Wong
Kathy Simpson
Alan Cooke
Ross Muller
Susan Perriraz
Rebecca Heggars

GST should never have been imposed on books, so important to our nation's education. Please see that some reduction in their prices can be brought about. CHEAPER BOOKS, CHEAPER BOOKS, CHEAPER BOOKS =]

books are awesome!

Totally in favour - would rather my money stay here than spend it on Amazon....

Lois Weise
Phoebe Treadgold
Angela Li
Louisa Pragasam
Belinda Nuske
Korinne Mcdonnell
Eva Akamatis
Clare Jane-tempest
Keam Song
Deborah Young

Until recently I had been a mature age tertiary student. The cost of books made some of my research prohibitive. These same books were on loan in the university library but were in such demand they were frequently unavailable. If their cost had been a more reasonable price, I could have bought the books I needed instead.

Books are a fundamental right - they should be affordable to all

I for one would welcome the amendment of the current laws that stop Australian Booksellers from importing books other than through the Australian subsidiaries, or agents of overseas publishers. I personally find the prices of even paperback novels a bit obscene. The CD market did not collapse when similar restrictions were removed. Please help me buy cheaper books, and help me buy titles that I am often after, from my local bookshop rather than having to use AMAZON. It seems silly that even with postage costs the same book will cost me less getting it sent over from the USA than from my local bookshop. Cheers, Jascha

Jascha Zimmermann
Claire Kewley
Brooke McCallum
Janice Mcdonnell
Jill McDougall
Rebecca Dominguez
Susan Oliver
Nick Franey
Annie Pinto
Narelle Chocholowski

I support the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation.

Debby N
Sophie Rothwell
Melissa Lai
Sachi Taulelei

We should be able to buy books at the most competitive prices, not be held to ransom by the current laws. As a school librarian, I would be able to buy more books with the limited budget I get, thus allowing access by the students to more books.

Michelle Green
Norman Newbon
Joanne Tan
Carli Bonavia
Norman Newbon
Judy Chan

yyeah. i like cheap books. sorry i couldnt give me rea adress. just dont do that on the internet

Fiona D'Souza

Books are already expensive as it is to buy so making it cheaper would encourage more people to read

Kavi Jarrott
Skye Mcguffie
Jasmine Huynh
James Langlands
Fiona MacGregor
Dianne Goodfellow

I believe this action is overdue as the cost of books in Australia is excessive. It is about time this change was made.

Kate Kimber
Phil Tennant

We should be able access knowledge at the cheapest price possible!

Jennifer Stein
David Walker

We'd absolutely support the removal of restrictions on importing cheaper books. Bring on cheaper books.

Catherine Borchok
Diane Turner

Amanda Milios
Stacey Rae

Jenni Davis
Jessica Neurohr

Lyndal Maloney
Katherine Pollard

Tresna Davies
Belinda Stevenson

Grant Wilson
Natalie Charlesworth

Kathleen Ennik
Shirley-Ann Satherley

David Munoz
Yanqi Qiu
Val Ferreira
Cassandra Dowdell
Wendy Barry Jefferson
Peter Fitzgerald
Julie Goulopoulos
David Turner

literature should be an easily affordable commodity to people from all walks of life.

This is a necessary and sensible change.

My children would love to have more books but the cost of purchasing the books that they want is too prohibitive. I agree with your submission, particularly that children would have greater access to more books and consequently read more if books were cheaper. I'm sure than any school librarian would also agree. Most schools have to put alot of effort into fundraising to buy books for their libraries.

Nicola Gorton
Manfred Sollorz
Charlotte Clezy
Alison Withers
Janice Ha
Lynette Philpott
Wendy Zheng
Stasia Kail-Buckley
Lindsey Moralee
Anne Muller
Saige Exner
Danielle Wrigglesworth
Karen leBlancSmith
Hussein Karimjee
Elaine Hayward
Abe Mordoc

support literacy by keeping prices low

I work in the printing industry one of the top 2 commercial printers in australia and NZ. Book publishing in this country is such a small part of the printing industry, it is ridiculous to believe the current laws are in place to protect Australian jobs. There is only a couple of companies that do the bulk of the large run (read popular) books here in Australia. The law is designed to protect their interests

Adam Spillane
Anchana Kandiah

As an avid book reader I think it is imperative that these outdated laws are removed, thereby encouraging thousands of Aussies to develop important reading and creative skills

Rebecca Calgaro
Stephen Doyle
Jessica Westlin
Lauris Grose

These restriction do not sound like a free market. They should be removed.

Remove any and all restrictions that hinder open competition and that don't encourage distributors to be more efficient and competitive, allow parallel importing on any imported product, not just books. Make the distributors earn their business rather than abusing the protection given to them by restricting parallel imports.

Stanley Zafiris
Anne Mcnamara
Prasanna Sivanathan
Melinda Mcfadden
Kerri Balestra
Lisa Gwinnell
Frieda Lovering
Christine Fisher

I'm happy to buy my books from the store if it means the money stays local.

Rachel Rushton
Dawn Thomas
Helen Duly
Melanie Brown
Sue Mcgregor
Ewa Facioni
Meraene Johnston

As a booklover I would welcome the prospect of being able to purchase books at a cheaper price whilst ensuring royalties are left intact.

Books are important for our childrens reading, writing, spelling & speach

As a recent returning Australian who had lived in Canada (North America) for over 7 years, I find it unconscionable that Australians have to pay more for books here. For example, a novel purchase in Canada would cost me \$10 including GST and currency conversion, which I find now I have to pay \$22 - \$25 and this is for a paperback, not a hardcover. How can the government allow hardworking Australians to be rob this way? If we are to incent Australians to remain invested in Australia, we have to demonstrate that Australia is a place that puts actions behind their word of "fair go". Books are a medium to get young and old remain educated through self learning and to be a more educated and literate country.

Joyce Brown
Beverly Roberts
Judith Dring
Norman Wilson
Sarah Boundy
Margaret Ryan

I love reading and I must say it costs me a furtune to buy books. So to get books cheaper would allow me to read more books.

Alexandra Wittge
Jane Hall
Sheree Carter
Peter Goodwin
Leonie Chaston
Amanda Holden
Theo Sarlamis
Ruth Woerle
Kristie Schwarz
Nurul Mansor
Amanda Grounds
Kate Coggins
Michellan Beer
Tracey Furner
Emma Cooke
Gail Smyth
Joanna Cooper
Judy Murphy
Rani Anderson
Ralph Morris
Toni Weir

Yes, please, for cheaper books. Whoever is regulating the price of books is pricing them out of the average person's reach. They are becoming more and more of a luxury.

Jennifer Colquhoun
Rebecca Cowen
Shona Morris
Eleanor Morgan

PLEASE - AUSTRALIANS DESERVE MORE AFFORDABLE BOOKS.

Julie Kha
Kortny Lancaster

This is a good idea as it may be able to encourage reading and thus help increase literacy levels which is good for the economy as it means that workers who read will gain mroe skills hence making the work force more educated. Good luck! =)

It is about time books were cheaper and then perhaps parents would buy more and the children of to-day would read more and watch less television or play computer games.

Hilary West
Sarah Tomlin
Adam Ramage
Anna-maria Nguyen
Tamara Reilly
Chloe Martin
Robert Carasso
Joanne Blahuta
Kathryn Small
Margarete Durrant
Michelle Evans
Gary McGeorge
Neroli Ellis
Julie West
Lenore Russell
Bonnie Chan

You know, what really serves Australia's best interests is expensive books.

Elizabeth Caruso
Leon Harradine

Anything to encourage reading - my daughter loves books and most of the books she wants are not available at our local library. The cost of some children's books is disgraceful.

Tina Souksavath
Amelia Ditcham
Kay Webster
Jade Arnold
Xin Li
Rhydfen Plummer
Ksenia Szewera
Lingdi Ge

Removing this restriction will help people shop within Australia. At the moment Amazon and Bookdepository are able to undercut prices of those in stores here and there is no incentive not to buy books cheaper from overseas.

Danielle Stephens
Tracey Gagen
Frances Bartlett
Elaine Langlely
Moiria Laverty
Jason Fung
Sharan Gopal
Leonora Albert
Judith Lynn
Kerry Goodrem

Australian book sellers are currently losing business because it is often cheaper to order on-line from overseas than purchasing from local bookstores. I am just one of many who would rather see money going in the pockets of our local businessman.

Meagan Blyth
Cheryl Mcguigan
Karen Marshall

I'm ashamed at our government. I find it hard enough to buy books for enjoyment and school, as I'm a student, but they're keeping it this way?

Amanda Heitmann

I have often ordered books from overseas (generally through ebay) as it has been cheaper to get books this way - even taking postage into consideration. A recent example - I paid AUD \$40 for a (new) book from the UK instead of \$90 locally. I would love to be able to buy books locally, supporting local booksellers, but not feel ripped off.

Melissa Schofield
Judith Lynn

I buy a lot of my books from US or UK, as they are so much cheaper, even with our low dollar. Would prefer to buy here. Melissa

Jodie Garrett
Elizabeth Marjot
Pamela Richards
Tahlia Plant

This is an important campaign for the general public to be able to buy cheaper books. My wife and I wholeheartedly support Dymocks petition. Please only use my first name and surname and not my address. Thank you.

John Robinson
Gay Watson
Geraldine Quinnell
Lucille Petersen

Cheaper books allow for accessibility for everyone. This also includes libraries. Help us create a smarter Australia and reduce the price of books.

Rhinda Larsen

On a recent trip to the USA I was shocked to see how much cheaper books were there than in Australia. I wanted to fill my suitcase with books. If we had price parity, I for one, would buy more than double the number of books I currently purchase.

Lorraine Lipman
Glenda Young
Carmen Kelly
Judith El Haroun
Melissa Spiteri
Victoria Murphie
Tom Anderson
Marios Elles
Carmen De Armas
Lisa Edwards
Florence Dalrymple
Christine Medley
Chris Walker
Samantha Delia
Brett Nener
Corrida Nohra
Julie Lincoln
Julie Quinton
Lisa Shuttleton
Diana Danila
Richard Fisher
Colleen Harvey
Belinda Walker
Cathryn Carnall
Karen Estella

whats best for the community - not whats best for the government.

Tracey Mansted
Deborah De Silva

I'd rather buy from Australian retailers than Amazon - this would make it more equitable.

Joshua Manouk
Karina Pomykaj
Anne- Maree Kelly
Libby Garoni
Mel Gray-thompson
Nina Cywinski

Promoting such competition SHOULD, in my humble and uneducated opinion, only help people spend money and thus make a contribution to helping to stabilize the economy.

it would be good if people had any encouragement to read

I believe in the interests of free trade - and to ensure Australians have access to the best of current literature at reasonable prices, this distorting trade barrier should be removed. The benefit in the past has gone in the main to overseas publishers who have charged premium prices in the Australian market. It has not helped to support Australian publishing of Australian literature. This anachronistic restraint of trade should end. Yours sincerely Julie Bayliss

Julie Bayliss
Julian Ross

The cost of books that feed our mind and soul, that entertain and inform us, that expand our horizons and knowledge of the world and all it contains has been far too high for too long and is discriminatory and restrictive. Please bring down the costs of these experiences to a level where 'Everyman' may attain them.

Zoe Mckinnon
Sakina Islam
Abarnaa Mahendran
Kim Buchanan
Brett Martyn
Vanda Vallelonga
Luci Tavener
Margaret Johnson
Paula Beverley
Denis Roberts
Elizabeth Richens
Julie Frost
Jill Anderson
Michelle Soltoggio
Alison Rothnie
Shane Richards

Carina Uehr
Faith Marshall

This law is ridiculous. Get rid of it and help Australian kids to enjoy the gift of books.

Quite frankly, the price of books is and has been out of reach for many people. Such a shame when it can give so much pleasure over and over again. Good luck with your submission.

Jeanine Pushman
Alan Roberts
Thomas Morton
Bronwyn Bridgewater
Sandy Maynes
Matthew Heinsen Egan
Allan Johnson
Nicola Clarke
Paul Mitchell
Robin Hudson
Kerry Muir
Brendan Ibbs
Dale Amir
Melissa Crane
Peter Watt
Dave Anderson
David Moysey
Marion Croft

Cheaper books will also promote Australian writing talent.

Sherrill Glasser
Nicole Turle

The price of books in Australia is currently ridiculously high. As long as copyright issues are respected, Australians deserve access to cheap books!

Barbara Leslie
Kevin Irwin
Katrina McGilchrist
Geoff White

Books in Australia have been far too expensive for avid readers to buy and it is about time we came into line with other countries where books are so much cheaper

And maybe a wider range/variety of titles will be accessible.

A significant portion of my income is spent on books. The fact that I can buy a bundle of books (be they paperback, trade or hardcover) from an overseas supplier, and they are cheaper than buying locally (and that includes conversion to other currency, conversion fees and postage) is to the detriment of the local industry. I would like to spend my money locally and support local business and industry, but when I can get more for less elsewhere, it's hard. And with the Federal Government making significant spending on education as part of the stimulus package, should this not be supported by encouraging people to read?

Megan Blair
Peter Daley

Books overseas have always been so much more affordable than in Australia. It's time we made knowledge, learning, literacy and a nation of readers more financially achievable.

Jo Mitchell

I USUALLY BORROW BOOKS FROM A LIBRARY RATHER THAN BUYING THEM AS I FIND BOOKS SO EXPENSIVE TO BUY IN AUSTRALIA SO HAVING CHEAPER BOOKS IN SHOPS WOULD BE GREAT.

Claire Dafonseca

I am sure that many people like myself have bought from Amazon rather than from an Australian company in order to access cheaper books.

Lynne Manzo
Cecily Greval
Erica Elston

I support the coalition for cheaper books Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. Wendy Norris

Wendy Norris
Imelda Mcshane
Alistair Roberts
Barbara Maitland
Samantha Turi
Helen Ritchie
Louise Stuart

I support the reduction in the price of books under parallel importation. Recently when the exchange rate against the US dollar was almost at parity, it was cheaper to buy a book from an American online book store and pay for the freight to Australia than to buy the same book even the same edition in Australia.

Kev Bishop
Arran Ferguson
Stephen Herschell
Margaret Bateman
Chris Gentle
Donna Margetts
Athanasius Eskander
Susan Harvey
Imogen Rice-threlkeld

My Fiancee and I would like cheaper books.

Jason McNamara
Emma Remond
Louise Dykes
Chris Smith
Rachelle Villarosa
Joy Fink
Angela Manuel

This will help curb the loss of sales through sites such as amazon and ebay and help Australian businesses to remain competitive.

Janice Riley
Jennifer Culham
Chad Jordan

I strongly support the above Coalition for Cheaper Books Campaign - we must remove restrictions on parallel importation

As with most market sectors, meaningful competition is essential if prices are to be influenced by market conditions. Generally, increased competition will result in a lowering of prices. Where consumers have no choice, nothing can be done to influence prices. But, with books, this is not the case. The internet enables disgruntled consumers to compare prices here against there. Where it makes financial sense, consumers will purchase their goods overseas and deprive local suppliers of their custom as a consequence. Not having local competition makes no sense at all - economic or otherwise - and protectionism is not the answer either. Put it to the test and let the market (and the consumers) decide - it will resolve itself very quickly.

Steve Pattinson
 Melanie Wright
 Diana Clarke
 Chris Fulton
 Yvonne Dowling
 Suzanne Ward
 Jessica Lim
 Hannah Hammond
 Wendy Bertello
 Rob Emmerson
 Helen Roberts
 Patricia Spaul
 Livia Joehana
 Clara Shen
 Patricia Mae Zabala
 Sandy Amber
 Andrea Anderson
 Patrick Sweeney
 Jan Guthrie
 Diane Dodds
 Liane Unmack
 Sarah Burnell
 Jennifer Vass

Books are too expensive in Australia and I love to read.

make books cheaper, so more people can afford to read. How can you encourage people to read when books are so dam expensive. We face a future of people that wont be able to express themselves because they never were exposed to a different way to do it

Igors Karabanovs

I am only a student, and therefore I do not recieve an income at this current time. This makes it extremely hard for me to buy the books I like (especially if I want to continue a series) and so I have to ask my parents or wait til my birthday to recieve them. If there was no restrictions and they were cheaper, I could buy them with my own money and not have to worry about paying people back or that I would not be able to afford them because they cost too much.

Stephanie Newland
 Jessica Crook

The book market in Australia is way too expensive and therefore limits the availability of books and the viability of libraries being able to supply enough new titles through their falling budgets. Books are cheaper overseas and I don't believe that their publishing industries or authors have been disadvantaged by the pricing policies of the USA or UK.

Sue Maloy

I am always astounded at the price of books! Surely reading is something we want to encourage, not have them priced beyond the reach of so many! Buying a book now is like buying a luxury item.

Lee Lindup
 Tonia Bates

I think that book should be cheaper as it would encourage more readers throughout Australia and it would surely boost the economy as well as give younger readers more oppotunity to buy books as I know that eventhough I love to read, I cant always afford the books.

Dominic Esterman
 Richard Buncher

Fiona	Kyle-Russell	I recently spent 18months working/training in the US. I found that not only was there a significant difference in the price of books but also in the diversity and volume of available books. I prefer a specific genre (paranormal) and have found it increasingly difficult to continue to purchase my favourite authors since my return to Australia. I agree with your campagne whole heartedly.
Cherie Leanne Doug	Westell Smith George	Books are an amazing experience. I could not imagine my life without books and making them harder to get and buy is an awful possibility that I hope will never happen.
Evangeline Teresa Angela Patricia Jennifer	Jarman Forbes Vila Edwards Bester	Reading books is such an important activity for people of all ages so removing the restrictions on parallel importation will enable more people to buy books and encourage reading
Tracy Richelle John Anne-marie Dorothy	Rasmussen De Lange Edwards Elgenia Tingle	Books should be cheaper! I can only afford one book a month! Thanks DYMOCKS for bring this to my attention!
Erin Beau Yvylyn Shaa Vivian Linda Wendy Karine Carmel Wayne Sue Clytie Achini	Jackman Johansen Susiapan Brice Morgan Yeung Wye Kong Russell Evans Newman Twiney Attard Kobbakaduwa	I agree and totally support the removal of restrictions.
Sara Susan Jann Rebecca Damien Margaret Christos	Elkholy Williams George Taylor Cockwill O'Shea Athanasίου	Books and reading expand our minds, we can disappear into other worlds and become more aware of our own. Literature is a powerful force of human creativity and a testament to the mind, literacy is the greatest achievement of mankind. Keep reading alive! Why should such simple joys come as such a great cost? Thank you
Rachel Jenny Karry Susan Marion Kelly Joanna Rob Jennifer Bianca	Kent Hume Coulter Chylek Hansford Greentree Hume Notara Lazarus Shipton	We have been paying far too much for books for a very long time. And then GST was added to the cost of books! I'm all for cheaper books.

Liz Wylie
Brian Blakeman
Ariel Ho
Sunitha Maharaj

Please support the push to make Australia 100% literate by making books available to all!

Kate Fewster
Fiona Morris
Benjamin Lay
Anne Hickey

The economy is dying, and so are literacy rates. Two in one solution! (:

Wendy Bowell
Jessica Pellizzon

books should be cheaper and yes the restrictions should be taken away ...its terrible the prices we pay for books

I have long queried the price of books in Australia. I maintain regular contact with a number of friends overseas and have been advised of the differences in price, after exchange rates are taken into account, and it is unacceptable. Being a reader of 14th Century Literature and a massive fan of Medieval Philosophy the price difference has a massive impact on whether or not I buy a book, and in some instances, I have found it cheaper to simply have a friend buy the book overseas, send it to me, and still at a noticeably cheaper price than any retail store in Australia can compete with. The fact is, your legislation makes it so that book lovers such as myself are forcing exceptional retailers with incomparable ranges of literary works and impeccable customer handling skills, such as Dymocks

Wayne Ronke
Geoffry Swinbank
Jennifer Mullen
Madonna Roxborough
Kay Falck

If prices were to fall I would definately buy more books. The joy of having a new book to read is head'y and the pleasure of reading it is bliss. I often find that I miss out on owning a copy of certain books as by the time I can afford to purchase they are no longer available, this I find exceedingly sad. Anything that can bring the beauty of reading to more of the community will never be anything but great.

Lesley Hartley
Judith Markich
Lauren Nicholls
Diniezza Abellana
Prudence Mcloughlin
Mimma Nicita
Tracey George
Danielle Kelly
Vincenza Rice
Mary Watson
Catherine Willems
Elizabeth Sutherland
Anne Brydson
Alison Hickey
Adam Lane
Anthony Brischetto
Irene Gao
Neil Anderson
Lynelle Wenn
Amanda Barron
Victoria Basile
Kristie Rigby
Sandra Jakobson
Amanda Jordan-Martin
Jennifer Woods

This really sucks, books are too expensive as it is!!

this is a great idea.

Diane Snell
Elly Klaassen
Mary Trapolino
Emma Wawn
Mimma Nicita
Kirsteen Lingoh
Sara Freeland
Margaret Gill

As an English teacher who spends her days despairing at the reading and writing skills of today's youth, I find the idea of making books dearer negligent and dooming our educational standards. It is hard enough to get children to read books without making books less accessible due to price inflation. If we want to become the clever country, we need to invest in the future, make reading MORE accessible - strategies should be put in place to make books cheaper. Good on Dymocks for beginning this campaign and spreading awareness about this contentious and vitally important issue.

Rebecca Kiejda
Ruth Wescombe
Fiona Darcy
Andrew Koudrin
Yuliana Ong
Sally Nevile

It should be seen as an imperative that the knowledge and pleasure which can be obtained from literature is available to everybody. But the prohibitive prices of books make this a luxury - not part of everyday life. I believe good literature informs, which benefits the mind (and spirit), as opposed to some of the more vacuous television programs which deadens the brain. Affordability may find new devotees, especially amongst the young.

Meheru Bradberry
Deborah Harris
Christine Neves
Lorenzo G Tan
Sarah Tyrrell
Marie Hinkley
Tayla Coates
Kathy Clark

I strongly disagree with the draft recommendation to continue the import restrictions for 12 months from the date a book becomes available in Australia. Let competition rule while protecting authors' and publishers' copyright. Don't make consumers pay to protect local subsidiaries and agents of overseas publishers. We should be able to access books at prices comparable to those available in the USA.

Stephen Talbot
Sharon Gilchrist
Catherine Mayne
Jennifer Shepherd
Danielle Brien
Gabrielle Curtis
Alan Lay
Josephine Mangani
Andrea Babic
Maria Guo
Michelle Cheng

I love books, but I can't afford all the ones I really want. It would be AWESOME if the prices were reduced!

Gyan Morris
Brittany Daniec
Anton Barbieri
Chris Ballenden
Melanie Small
Roslyn Long

Yay for knowledge. :)

Gillian Steward
Clare Forsyth
Cleo Moore
Sarah Gladman

Providing a monopoly to the Australian importers, creates predatory pricing models for the advantage of a limited few. When we object to other industries and nations doing so, why single out Australia agents and subsidiaries for preferential treatment? Should they not also have to compete in the world market?

Jennifer Smith
Caroline Lucas
Emma Edgar
Pina Nania
Neil Fitzpatrick
Lindsay Cameron
Margaret Robson
Brenda Rooks
Maria Ciavarella
Jamie Whitcombe

I support retailers trying to give me a product at a reasonable and competitive price.. why would the government stop this ? its my money and my choice..

Michael Johnson
Carol Poole
Susan Wallman
Melissa Von Bergner
Jennifer Pengelly

It would make a big difference to the amount of books I buy. I usually buy them as presents, but if cheaper, I could buy them for myself without feeling too much lighter in the purse.

Lyn Donald
Carlos Correia
Robyn Lawrence
Elizabeth Seares

Thank you for looking out for us readers.

Jasmina Berber
Maurice Rousset
Andrew Scott
Lara Conway
Ann Hall

Doesn't it make more sense to have cheaper books? I'd buy books at least once a week if they were a little bit cheaper.

Mel Dundas-taylor
Julia Cusworth
Katherine C
Ricki Hart
Paul Mcleod
Sean Mckenna

The price of books in Australia is already ridiculously high. Almost all the many books I have purchased over the last few years have been bought over the internet from overseas at well below(including freight) the same book price in the local bookstores. Any increase in prices will drive more booklovers to follow the same path and further impact on the local economy.

Rosemary Lindsay
Clare Leung
Brandon Tang

As a book lover I support means to lower the cost of books in Australia so long as the authors continue to receive their rightful royalties, and no jobs would be lost in Australia. If books in Australia were less expensive it would reduce online searches for comparative pricing, and ordering from overseas.

Ann Thresher
Robert Barwell

Cheaper books would be an amazing thing. I often don't by books in Australia, choosing instead to order them from America due to price differences. Having been book shopping in the US I would dearly love to see their prices (or even twice their price!) down here in Australia. I sincerely hope this petition works.

Stefanie Aglio
Shaanti Sekhon
Lorraine Peacey
Ewan Williams
Julie Pham
Chad Ferguson
Elizabeth Gentry
Shannon Meilak
Emma Arangio
Jessica Fitzgerald

Its about time :)

As a lot of the books I read are specialtgy books mainly on gardening it is desirable that these books are able to compete in an open market and are cheaper for we who are on pensions or for those restricted in movement where they cannot avail themselves of libraries.

Jean Evans
Jaimie Macklin
Jenn Moffatt
Muhammad Haniff

I do wish that books are priced reasonably in Australia and that there is a better range. I have been buying books from Amazon.com for over 10 years and more recently from BookDepository.co.uk from whom the shipping is 100% free! I have also used Borders as a place to preview books due to their EXTENSIVE range compared with Dymocks, A&R, Collins etc... When the range and price of books available locally in Australia becomes comparable to what I can buy on the internet, I will return to buying most books locally. Ironically, someone is shooting themselves in the foot here by pricing and limitation - the parallel importer has become the reader and the Australian book stores suffer for this. Buyers will always find a way around restrictive Australian pricing if they are keen enough to str

Lisa Repsevicius
J Fitzgerald
Fatima Trapaga
Heila Lessing
Tracey Leete
Kate O'Hara

A book should be the cheapest way to educate, and to broaden the knowledge available to all people
Removing restrictions will improve user choice and literacy levels and lead to a 'smarter' country.

Kevin Dwyer
Thais Turner
Kelly Brown

In the overall scheme of business, without the retractive protection, the price comes down, more books will be bought and every party will benefit, agents and subsidiaries included.

Stephen Lee
Chris Moosman
Wei-Fen Lee
Fiona Watson
Karen Hemsworth
Maximilian Beatty
Julie Wallace
Christine Reed
Margaret Scheul
Cecily Greval
Grace Keegan
Kathie Mclean
Yvonne Tan
Diana Zaknic
Martina Huynh
Steven Clementson

Grace	Keegan
Margaret	Doro
jim	embury
Nola	Smart
Fee	Hosking
Jacqueline	Renkin
Diane	Lovett
Valerie	Davey
Richard	Beresford
Esther	Lim
Katrina	Hevron
Jillian	Smith
Alistair	Rigg
Martin	Quinlan

I do not think it is fair that an Australian book shop like Dymocks cannot compete with the likes of K mart (foreign owned) and urge you to listen to what Dymocks are saying so that people like me can continue to afford to shop at Dymocks and enjoy the experience of doing so with knowledgeable staff to help etc

Janette	Morris
Michelle	Baumgartner
Daniel	Morrissey

Books are the one thing that should be treat, as they can entertain for hours. The current regime imposes an unfair impost on information. Australia will never be the "clever country" until we can access information in book form (and in fact all forms) at internationally competitive prices. Changing the law to level the playing field is an absolute no-brainer - even for a "not so clever country"!

Gary	Blair
Shane	Treacy
Toni	Patsias
Maggie	Anderson-Lister
Veronica	Tay
Steven	Bale

Viva Le Books!

Jan	Triggs
Patricia	Cook
Wei	Lew
Matt	Gilbert
Joan	Bray
Jeannie	Crommelin
Gordon	Grivas
Merinda	Rigoll
Catherine	Haigh

Books are much cheaper in the USA even if paying postage to Australia.

Ken	Truslove
Alessandra	Moore
Vivienne	Ward
Lorraine	Newland
Shi Yan	Liu
Norah	Walden
Karen	Chau
Trevor	Bourke
Deanne	West
Tracey	Duke
Vikki	Hughes
Sue	Crofts

This is long overdue...more people would read more if books were cheaper

Sian	Brewer
Mary	Heferen-faulkner

Make books more accessible and more affordable for all.

I enjoy reading on a regular basis and have considered buying books online but I would rather support the Australian economy

Nina	Solder
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Due to the fact that books are alot cheaper overseas, I tend to stock up at that time which stops me from spending dollars in my own country. If books were competitively priced as they are overseas, I would buy more books in Australia.

Vicki Stevenson
Natalie Vo

I urge Government to seriously consider this petition and remove those restrictions that will ultimately lead to cheaper books. It is vital to encourage more people to read books and being able to afford books is an important step forward to to a more literate and informed society

Stephanie Molloy
Emily D'Souza
Jenny Crotty

In the last few months, I have bought few books from bookstores, having instead to rely on second hand bookstores, because of excessive prices, which is a real shame, because I used to go to bookstores a lot.

Tim Lee
Lyneve Cannon
Andrea Fernandez

Why has it taken soooooo long for this issue to be addressed??? Why are we being ripped off like this??

Sue Wippell

Access to books is so important to everyone's education in so many ways. It should be easier to buy books at an economical price without huge taxes added.

Sue Hamparsum
Abigail Williams
John Trieu
Jane Howden
Ahram Choi
Tiffany Huynh
Noella Blyth
Joanne Hastings
Colin Barras
Jennifer Thompson
Skye Deloehry
Andrea Hayman
Troy Thompson
Melvina Prasad
Ellie Stavrinos
Giles Alexander
Kate Parsons
Mark Assad
Jackie Masters
Caitlin Smith
Liza Kerr
Dianne Speakman
Geoffrey Mouritzen
Amanda Tuite

Books are our most basic source of education and entertainment. Why should we be forced to pay inflated prices when reading benefits us all greatly (citizens and government alike)? University is expensive enough. Don't make it hard for people to learn, on their own, from home as well.

Natasha Wood

Australians are entitled to be able to purchase books at the cheapest price possible - particularly in a tighter economy as this will help Australian sales and therefore Australian jobs ie a more buoyant retail book buying economy within the country.

Janine Mitchell
Clare Mitchell
Catherine Collins
Neil Patching
Elaine Groenewald
Jenine Adams
Sean Dooley

To enable Australians to be able to afford to purchase books, it is necessary that they become cheaper to buy. The price of books is very expensive and has been for several years now. Anything which enables them to be cheaper to buy can only be a good thing

Marilyn Bickerdike
Jill Norton
Maria Arulruban
Scott Thurlow
Nisa Thaensa
Keryn Wallin
Danielle Niven

we seem to have not passed on the love of books to this generation - they are missing out on so much. Yes we have libraries, of which we are all probably all members, but to pick out a book that you really want to read and then turn it over and find out "that you just cannot afford it right now" and have to put it back is really disappointing. I am just pleased that we are a family of readers.

Teresa Byrnes
Alison Phillips
Theresa Galvin
Tanaya Leadbitter
Jessica Beers
Avinash Randhawa
Vahini Naidoo
Daniel Maggs
Lorelle Potsey
Amanda Meneghello
Matthew Green
Jennifer Nicoll
Boban Berberu
Donna Taskis

cheaper books for students

Janet Johnston
Jann Rutherford
Holly Tomlinson

If books were cheaper perhaps we would not have many illiterate people in our society and it would help to encourage children to read more in this electronic age

Cheryl Van Tienhoven
Sally Bowman
Glenys Bennett

Australia's literacy levels will continue to drop if the price of books continues to remain high or even increase. The current financial situation of many households means that expensive purchases considered to be non-essential will stop, and for those householders who don't consider books or literacy to be important that means buying books will stop. While it is cheaper to buy a piece of plastic in the shape of a superhero or TV star than it is to buy a book about that same superhero or TV star there is no incentive for people of lower literacy levels to consider books as a suitable gift for their own or other children.

Elizabeth Mcelwee
Jane Wolhuter
Ian McGlew
Wendy Tame
Esther Cheong
Gabriella Nagy

I believe books are a necessity of life, not a luxury, and support any legitimate means to lower prices to make them more affordable for everyone.

Val Norton
Chi Thai
Paul Robins
Jan Knell
David Grime
Leni Bonfield

We need to improve literacy levels in Australia and cheaper books would be a step in the right direction.

Lidija	Berberu	cheaper books
Heather	Bennett	Why does this even need a petition?! Of course remove the restriction. Stop protecting businesses and start looking out for the consumer for a change! As we are a family of book lovers i thank you for taking this on on our behalf. Regards Ann Dye and Family.
Ann	Dye	
Heather	Neil	
Thalia	Bonfield	
Kathy Marie	Genua	
Jennifer	Franco	
Stephen	Bonfield	
Erika	Aheimer	
Jesus	Lariosa	
Leanne	Dowsett	So many times I look online and I can purchase them usually cheaper in the USA even taking into account the postage.
Bruno	Tomadon	
Vanessa	Bayldon	
Barbara	Vlahos	I love my books and if they were cheaper I would buy more
Hannah	Johnson	
Natalie	Winter	
David	Epstein	
Renee	Patterson	
Ceri	Kitely	
Clare	Hinchey	
Melissa	Tjakrawisada	
Dimitar	Berberu	Yes we want cheaper books
Melissa	Crawford	
Siobain	Bonfield	
Julie	Samarelli	The price of books in Australia is very expensive, compared with the UK. When trying to encourage our daughters to read it only hinders the learning process with books being so expensive. My parents visiting from the UK do not buy books in Australia because they are more than 100% higher in cost than in the UK. Please make books more accessable for ALL Australians. Cheaper books mean more people will be reading. We need to encourage reading to lure kids away from the computer where information is dumbed down through bits and bytes.
Colin	Taylor	
Kuan	Sin	
Iain	Hawkes	As a frequent international traveller I regularly see that we are paying in Australia non-competitive prices for books.
Rex	Barber	
Sarah	Lindsay	
Samantha	Thompson	
Cecelia	Cole	The sooner the better
Maureen	Mcallister	
Sarah	Butler	
Roslyn	Hall	
Kimberley	Milton	For a lot of people, books are away of escaping reality and being transported into their own world of fiction. Whether it be to Forks or to a secret location somewhere in the Amazon. Increasing the prices of books may not give people who are on a small income to spend their money on small luxuries like books. My children are increasly sourcing information from the internet (which is mostly inaccurate). Making books more affordable again may prompt this generation to actually pick one up from time to time!
Trish	Joyce	
Aidan	Kraus	
Sharon	Lothian	
Joy	Spray	
Amy	Kavanagh	

Neil Anthony Eva Denise	Bevis Wright Lindbloom Setton	I fully support this petition. The cost of books is becoming prohibitive and it is totally unreasonable to expect people to pay on average \$40 for a book.
Nanda Nadine	Jojode Meggitt	BOOKs cannot and should not be replaced by anything ..Kindly note that there are ample of plus points while reading a actual printed book rather than using any electronics media which are also most harmful hazards to our Eyes.. So Governement must support Printed and Cheaper Books ...
Megan Anna	Kube Simic	It is so important for everyone to be able to access books and reading. Sadly, so many of our younger generations do not experience the wonders of reading. While obviously this isn't totally as a result of the cost of books, anything that we can do to help and encourage people to read will be a good thing.
Ryan Judith Margaret Luke Yvonne	Luobikis Atwell Ross Prochazka Parnell	What better way to encourage today's youth to read than to help lower the price of books? Consider it an investment in our countries future.
Samantha Gary Yvonne Merle Paul	Ricardo Hobson Parnell Burn Gasper	If books became cheaper, more young teenagers like myself would start reading more.
Kate Jade Geoffrey Ralph Maria Diane Jody Lily Lindsey Patricia Alessia	Cramer Lim Archer Mitchell Li Morley Shawn Kwong Manson Price Taddei	i am a reader of several books per week and have to constantly shop around to find cheaper books and sometimes certain authors new books take far too long to come here and so i am more likely to get them directly from overseas anyway. keep my money local and allow this to happen
Robert Donna	Maxwell Woodward	I agree whole-heartedly. Free trade benefits everyone in the long run.
James Catherine	Grenfell Paterson	having recently purchased books in America, whilst travelling, I was amazed at how relatively low priced they were compared to Australian prices! If we are serious about reducing trade barriers then it is a nonsense to limit the importation of printed material to what amounts to Australian subsidiaries of overseas owned businesses.
Nanda	Jojode	BOOKs cannot and should not be replaced by anything ..Kindly note that there are ample of plus points while reading a actual printed book rather than using any electronics media which are also most harmful hazards to our Eyes.. So Governement must support Printed and Cheaper Books ...
Stacey Jan	Stell Pinney	Books are expensive enough as they are. Books are about learning and gaining knowledge. They should not be increased in price, therefore less people will buy them, therefore less learning in the country. Also seriously, we are in a recession...who is going to buy more expensive books??

Steven Chater
Lisa Murdoch
Emily Tan
Manjit Bhamral
Helen Wallace

Public Libraries do not get all the books people want to read. It is very expensive also to buy childrens books.

Carole Briggs
Sam Prosser
Catherine Waldon

Cheaper books will encourage younger readers to continue to read. If parents can't afford books, kids will not get the best opportunity at a wide range of interesting books and will quickly loose interest. It's harder enought getting them to read now, without price being an issue too.

Gail Stirton
Ann Bartlett
Tracey Wells
Natali Jonceski
Sue Kapperer

As an avid reader and traveller, I find myself either purchasing books elsewhere or researching and purchasing them online as they are actually cheaper. How silly is that?

Keng Yew Foong
Leah Hobbs
Anna Learmonth
Doreen Hailes
Brooke Meany
Charles Comport
Wendy Berzanskis
Samantha Richardson
Linda Connolly
Margie King
Shirley Way
Jennifer Chong
Rebecca Lee
Erin Gregg
Lynne Self

No one can lose if book prices were cheaper!

Ben Saliba
Paul Spence
Caroline Bloomfield
Caitlin Roberts
Emily Christoffels
Clara Ferreira

this is a very important step in the literary development of our country. I know many people who say they would read more books if only they could afford to buy them. I also know many parents that say the same for their kids.

Gary Wallin
Miranda Tiong
Leanne Hutchinson

as i am on a pensioner concession card & an avid reader i would welcome any way i could obtain cheaper books as reading is big part of my life, regards, gary wallin.

Danielle Page

Cheaper books means I can spend my coins on something more than a Big Mac and fries. I bet you can tell which option is doing me better in the long term.

Laurence Bradey
Anna Johnson
Amelia Ghirardello
Jodie Mcgill

Australians are forced to pay the dearest prices compared to book-readers elsewhere, and also to wait up to 3 months from publication because of sea/surface freight times. Remove at least some of these artificial price-raising laws

Andrew Middleton
Patricia Olde
Robyn Robson
Julie Mason
Fatin Atiqah Abu Othman
Xianru Li
Darryl White

In these hard and uncertain financial times, surely the removal of restrictions that enable bookstores to sell more product would be regarded as an "economically stimulating" step?

Russell Dessaix-Chin
Ros Te Maari
Nikola Maricic
Kerry Hopkins
Oenone Cameron
Kiera Magee
Laura Jennings
Phoebe Rayner
Rob Aitken
Donna Gaffney
David Stephenson
Garda Turner
Natalie Dixon-Flint
David Olshen
Jo Sanfilippo
Emma White
Keith Thoma Stephens

I support the Dymocks submission. I want to be able to buy affordable books.

Bring down the prince of books!!!

David Shaw
June-marie Howson
Laura Kennedy
Robyn Davies
Carey Barlow
John Sanderson
Christine Trull
Mustika Putu Liza Kusuma
Rebecca Rawlinson
Loretta Hines
David Van Schoten
Rosalie Cook
Gemma McFarlane

Currently I bypass Australian Book sellers and buy online from the US/UK. I would much rather buy from Dymocks!

Michael Barry
Megan Lewis
Andrew Burgess
Dany Elachi
Emma Kramarzewski
Ying Lo
Janine Cowen
Florence Bremer
Vicki Tyson
Dejan Eminagic
Lyn Brown
Mark Van Schoten
Irene Styles
Brian Jones

Anti-competitive laws which deny Aussies from buying books at similar prices to the USA & U.K are unfair...get rid of them ! Regards Michael Barry

Juliette Spinelli

Even though I live in Singapore I still purchase books online from Dymocks when I can't find them here.

Tim	Posney	For many years I have been forced to utilise services like Amazon, to achieve parity with the prices available offshore. I would much rather support a local retailer, but it is prohibitively expensive to do so. The current restriction simply force book buyers to consider purchases from offshore entities, rather than supporting local retailers. Surely this can't be good for the Australian retail scene. The price differentials between Australia and the rest of the world, in particular the US, are such that it is cheaper to purchase from offshore, pay postage and handling to have the book air freighted from overseas, and still be much lower than the price in Australia. It would seem sensible to have those profits flowing to Australian retailers instead.
Chris Brittonie	Chiu Barton-Wardell	wake up Australian government. why would you want to make books and learning resources expensive and out of reach for people? doesn't everybody have a right to learn???? get a gripe on yourself NOW
Susan Marianne Frances Anc Larissa Wei Ning	Dodds Van Schoten Espiritu Arnold Khaw	Please allow me and other retirees to indulge our love of books and my g/children to develop it. Sue
V	S	The main reason most people i know dont buy books is because they are too expensive! In my opinion, two things should be achieved on the world market in case of any goods: Copyrights must be always respected and on the other hand the world market should be a free-market with no restrictions and protectionism of any government.
Jaroslav Nina Libby	Suchanek Schneider Gardiner	Jaroslav "Jerry" Suchanek
Paul Rhys Julie Matilda Ingrid Brenton Miranda Wayne Cassandra Anthea Heather Amanda Wendy John Marina	Spence Kay Fitzimmons Ross Bean Smith Kew Leung Cole Guthrie Cartner Rynders Rae Duffield Wan	Making books more affordable will help improve literacy. This campaign is long over due by the industry. I would buy more books if it was not in place. Regards. Just do it! It is a disgrace that we should pay inflated prices as we do.
Christopher	Bennett	If this gives Australia more choices at cheaper prices I'm all for it.
Stephan Rebecca Rhiannon Julia Natalie Johanna Jo	Cohenroellvaneyc Percoco Peters Zaetta Buckland Hegerty Dempster	The cheapest possible access to all reading materials is an important part of encouraging the development of literacy and an informed Australian community I support the request of DYMOCKS in the quest for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation as stated in the above. In this age of declining economy it is vital to make this step to keep encouraging booklovers and buyers and keep the economy rolling.
		Anything we can all do to encourage more reading should be supported.

This is such an important cause . I often look for books on international book selling websites most often in the USA because i find the prices are much cheaper even with the exchange rate and postage included .And i find a much bigger selection especially in refrance /non fiction books related to art/design. I remember the cd prices change too ,and that was such a relief ,it has resulted in my buying many more cds . As i love music !! And to know that a simialr situtaion is behind our high book prices crazy . Hope this petition helps lower the price of books so they can be affordable for all people.

Kasia Krzywonos
 Shelley Yin
 Natasha Damar
 Stephanie Limantoro
 Justin Kennedy
 Frances Hoetmer
 Karen Goschnik
 Wendy Corissa
 Kerry Bradley
 Stephanie Campanella
 Peter Cheeseman

We have to be very careful with electronic and publishing rights in Australia.

Surely, we want to encourage reading?

Lorraine Mace
 Wendy Giaimo
 Jodie Wheildon
 Vicki Cooper
 Maxine Hebiton
 Matthew Satherley

I beleive that Australian readers. Per Capita we are the largerst book buying and reading nation and we deserve a better deal.

I think it is very important that books are as inexpensive as possible to ensure all families have the ability to buy them, which will increase their literacy and that of the children. On a more personal note, I buy new releases on a regular basis and it would greatly assist me if they were cheaper.

Sally Hanks
 Karen van Lieshout
 Kirsten Willett
 Kelly-anne Hammond
 Gavin Maginness
 Simone Riess
 Jay Brits
 Meryl Thomas
 Betty Jean Ocallaghan
 Anthony Martin

As a society, we need all literature more accessible - including cost.

Tariffs only benefit a small number of people with a vested interest...

The public should have the righ to buy books at a fair and reasonable price which is not happening at the moment with the restrictions being applied at the present. It is not only fiction but all other books incluing book of instruction, history, science, etc. that it is imperative that the restrictions should be lifted.

Stephanie Thomas
 Leila Karam
 Leah Wilmot
 Peter Boctor
 Susan Wrigley
 Karen Morley
 Rhiannon Stewart
 Helen Ward

I love reading and due to financial restrictions which have recently been placed on my, I will have to start using the library, which is OK, except I love the experience of keeping my books in pristine condition, reading them more than once if I want to, not having to wait for a latest release, not having a time limit in which to return the book, and best of all sharing the book with my family. I currently spend approx \$4000/year on books.

Fiona Mummery
 Kristina Shaw
 Jodie BAXTER

Shamal Pannila
Stephanie Egan

Cheaper books mean people read more. Reading for pleasure is one of the best ways to learn and an excellent way to improve our intelligence, culture and wisdom as a whole. The government is going to make the internet even cheaper and faster, please support cheaper books. Books are and will continue to be the corner-stone of our education, do not neglect this vital learning and cultural resource!

John Tomlinson

Anthony Godin
Kimble Walsh-knarvik
Lisa Carroll

As an avid reader and a father, any reduction to make books cheaper can only be a good thing, we require a fair and equal system that will benefit us all.

Kirsten Low

books are essential to our education, by increasing restrictions on importing over seas books, the government is limiting our resources to learn; on an exaggerated note, it could result in lesser skilled people, reducing employment, therefore decreasing our economy and the government certainly wouldn't want that.

Val Reid
Edgar Reyes

Education is one of the most important aspects of a good society. The first step is to instill a love of books in children. By reducing the price of books more parents will be able to afford good books for their kids and introduce them to literacy at an early age.

Sarah Angkhawut
Deborah Hurn

Books are there to make people happy and to educate them, so why should a little happiness and education cost so much?

Holly Ring
Melissa Longwill

It is ridiculous for us to have to buy books at double or triple the equivalent price we can buy them for overseas. Books need to be cheaper to encourage more people to buy a book, rather than a DVD or video game.

Annemarie Vardanega
Leanne Compton
Matthew Stingemore

Books promote culture and education. They must be kept as affordable as possible.

Suzanne Southern
Justin Apostolellis
Lesley Haynes
Katrina Gilbert

most people will eventually turn to libraries as it will be too expensive to buy books which in return people lose their jobs and shops go out of business

The more books available the better educated Australians will be.

Allen Sleiman
Dannielle Quan
Zhixiang Zhou
Robert Longmore
Jessica Ledger
Elizabeth Mulcahy
Tanya Clark
Donna Lewis
Janine Brown

I support your petition 100% and books should be deregulated without any restriction. "nothing more expensive to the nation than ignorance"

Lyndsey Robson
Rickie Allen
Sivanesan Kanthan
Dennis Lewis
Lorraine Jeffery
Angela Prosser

I am English and have a huge proportion of my books sent direct as gift for xmas and birthdays from family as they can buy them and post them cheaper than I can buy them. That's not right is it, we should support Australian book shops and allow them to sell at reasonable prices

Megan Hay
Alexis Mitchell
Abir Dalati
Rebecca Wong
Joan Lee
Steven Ginn
Danielle Hocking
Deborah Howard
Guan Ming Wong
Shri Gayathi Kaliyappen
Owen Pennells
Zereen Nisha

If Australia is really to be "The Clever Country", we need access to all books at more reasonable prices.

Joanne Martin
Faiza Bhuiyan
Rodrigo Altaf
Sally Raines
Heather Soo
Elaine Sheridan

I love books but they really do need to be cheaper.

Joy Yo

Some book prices are ridiculous! I would love to see this campaign flourish and help reduce the prices of Australian book sales.

Jonas Mulombwa
Stephan Wellink
David Chandran
Jo Flynn
Kym Wheildon
Zereen Nisha
Murray Stewart
Vicki O'Brien
Maree Tennant
Alain Khanh
Jennifer Ali
Paul Eistis

Books are the wealth of knowledge. A well read society is a well learned society.

Valerie Verma
Peta Doodson
Qwayne Ybe Guevara
Joan Williamson
Nathan Howell
Rebecca Millar
Gavan Bromilow

I believe that the consumer will benefit.

Carol Kees
Ian Webber
Naomi Barron

Thankyou for working for the benefit of Australians.

I cannot believe how the price of books have escalated over the past years and will support this campaign whole-heartedly.

Amy Jones
Yvonne Steirn

the price of books these days is ridiculous, so many people are missing out on things because they look at the price tag and put it back. i believe that the worlds population should have the chance to go on great adventures, learn magic, discover lost worlds and let their imagination fly free or learn the behind the scenes life of the rich and famous, their minds should not be restricted by the price of paper

Melissa Veysey
Chris Robilliard
Lili Lenton
James O'Connor

I would love to be able to buy books cheaper....then I'd be able to buy even more than I do!!!

The fact is, that I often order DVD's or books from Amazon.co.uk and Amazon.com if I can't find the same item cheaper or available here. Why not keep the profits in our country? Likewise with sheet music. As a music teacher I can often order sheet music including postage cheaper than I can buy it here. I am a Primary teacher and have four children and books are really important in encouraging children to read. Children love their own books. Nice clean books. Not ones carrying goodness knows what germs from the library. My children have collected sets of their favourite authors that they treasure. Dymocks are a great bookshop, Australian owned, unlike Borders and I would prefer to keep my business in this country. If you have all these extra restrictions that raise the price, we, as consum

Julie Warwick
 Brooke Brittain
 Danial Heyenga
 Nadine Page
 Glorina Susanto
 Rosemarie Saad
 Jasneet Mander
 Chris Davies
 Vivienne Lo
 Mai Dinh

Bring it on!

As a regular and frequent buyer of books for both academic and leisure purposes I wholly support this initiative. As a nation which aspires to being a Knowledge Society it is imperative Australia make the creation and delivery of books and other forms of intellectual property efficient and free of artificially inflated costs just as we have done for goods.

Alfred Croucher
 Vanessa Gregory
 Jane Sivieng
 Jenny Purdie

the price of books these days is ridiculous, so many people are missing out on things because they look at the price tag and put it back. i belive that the worlds population should have the chance to go on great adventures, learn magic, discover lost worlds and let their imagination fly free or learn the behind the scenes life of the rich and famous

Amy Jones
 Sally Thomas
 Michelle Ngapino
 Kay Stevens
 Jessica Sizer
 John Hogg
 Melanie Edser
 Eduardo Jos Gaya
 Hariharan Thirunavukkarasu
 Peter Noser
 Chiara Dassie
 Linda Wibberley
 Nicole Yu
 Jennifer Pokorny
 Damon Taylor
 Amitee Goulton
 Clive Lohrey
 Nitamarie Vorster
 Patricia Halvorsen
 Andrea Thompson
 Ramin Amid
 Kay Ryan
 Lisa Vuong
 Deborah Fabbro
 Joanna Baker

I'm all for cheaper books!!!!

Author protection and readers' affordability --both essential

Madeline	Zulli
Magda	Kulbicka
Bob	Brazill
Samuel	Ho
Chris	McKay
Adam	Redford
Sean	Lowe
Lou-Anne	Green
Katrina	Clarke
Erin	Hutchinson
Jacki	Fortune
Gabrielle	Portwine
Heather	Lawson

I think Australian government should try not to limit book sellers but to encourage book reading as the to raise a country's economic standard. Reading book is a form of education and healthy entertainment. It is often a comfortable balance in people's life style and according to the article, what the government are doing in short terms is trying to encourage Australia's book printer's economy, but in the long term, it may just result in discouraging people from reading and buying books. This will not improve the economy of book printers in Australia as less people will be purchasing books due to the increase in price and people will be much more selective in buying books in result of less book been purchased. This will also result in less people reading book and been benefit by the he

Vincent	Wei
Sharon	De Kleijn
Wendy	Huynh

Books are expensive right now already, it does not take that much to even produce it, so why charge customers so much?? If there are any ways to reduce the price of books, I'm supporting it. Afterall, I'm just a poor student who loves books.

Lydia	Leung
James	Neave

I often buy books overseas because it is cheaper than here even with postage costs attached.

Katherine	Stewart
Janette	Hall
Abraham	Ayoub
Marie	Ishac
Clare	Cadman
Denise	Klemm
Belinda	Redford
Jodie	Mcdonald
Brendan	Garlick
Tara	Smith
Eilise	Phan
Donna	Mayer
Jamie	Stevens

To; RUDD THE DUD, GIVE US CHEAPER BOOKS!!

Candace	Driscoll
Debbie	Parker
John	Herlihy
Ken	Turner

I rarely buy books these days and go to the library. Cheaper books would encourage me to buy and add to my personal collection more often!

Leonie	Ryding
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To lift the standard of spelling and literacy in Australian youth, books need to be more readily available at reasonable prices.

Leonie	Ryding
Jessica	Martin
Samantha	Lin
Emma	Rigelsford

To lift the standard of spelling and literacy in Australian youth, books need to be more readily available at reasonable prices.

Books are way too expensive.

Julie Paterniti
Kevin Cho
Mark Spiers
Alexander Burke
Elizabeth Kelly
Sharlene Jobson
Donna Li
Marie Jager
Kezia Christianti
Jacinta Lyne

I support the CCBC!!

Robyn Tilbrook
Leonie Hearn
Lauren Willis
Chanel Leong

Books need to be available to everyone in society, Cheaper prices make them more affordable for everyone.

Please make books cheaper! I'm sick of importing them myself.

Lee Howard
Heather Trevisan
Georgina Smark
Leisa Govan
Dean Larcombe
Jonathan Robinson

It does give pause for thought when checking the US or UK price and doing a currency conversion to find that in Australia we pay so much more. Obviously there is transport costs, but even then the price still seems to represent a big mark up
Cheaper books will improve literary ten fold.

Eugenie Cotter
Linda Drossos
Humyara Mahbub
Sarah Miers
Rhonda Maclean

Books are a very important part of our lives. They bring us knowledge and they bring education. They bring us wisdom. They bring us joy. They provide relaxation. They provide us with dreams. If the price of books goes even higher, this will mean that the less privileged in our society will have less access to books, simply because they will not be able to afford to purchase them. And not everyone has access to a library. I have been a great reader all my life and with signing this petition, I would hope that books will be available at all - not just the few.

Rhona Feeney
Peter Cobcroft

I sometimes buy books from overseas - so miss the restrictions - which seems silly on the whole as no one in Australia benefits. Books here are expensive - help them become more reasonably priced.

Rouba Ramlawle
Sarah Harris
Natalie Armstrong

I am forced to purchase books from abroad because I find them cheaper..I would much prefer to purchase it from within Australia.

Roslyn Breen
Guy Scotton
Denise Martin

I am a teacher and am constantly buying books for classroom use as well as an avid reader in my spare time. I support this petition wholeheartedly. I have always been appalled by the GST on Educational Books and supplies as well. Reading should be promoted and celebrated!

Simone Phillips
Maree Franc Madden
Garth Parkhill
Rendy Muliady

I agree with the proposal being put forward by the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign. Being a teacher I am passionate about reading and enjoy instilling this in younger readers. I can see a correlation between the expense of books and lack of reading in younger kids.

pls reduce the price for books, because I really love reading.

Joanne Smith
Kristina Shaw
Karina Ko
Mary Warner

Christine Freer

This is long overdue. I look forward to being able to purchase books at a more reasonable price.

I believe this law should be changed. When I was in the USA recently I returned with a luggage bag full of books as it was cheaper for me to buy them from there even with the exchange rate! The prices charged here are ludicrous and I am 100% behind Dymocks in their endeavour to change this. GO DYMOCKS!

Julie Gidaro
Kathryn Willshire
Anna Kermode
LEIGH Brown
Jack Rosen

When I first arrived in Australia, I couldn't believe the price of CD's. Instead of promoting home grown music, I believe that encouraged illegal pirates and cheap overseas imports. Thankfully that time is now over. Please cut out the restrictions - we need to encourage people to read. Otherwise we could really be said to be breeding a dumber nation! Sue

Sue Sargent

Making Books Cheaper, Increasing Competition What is not to like Remove this obscurity now.

Benjamin Pearson

Given that I buy most of my books through the internet from the UK and can get them bought and delivered to Australia cheaper than going to the bookstore here, I would say "about time this was sorted out for Australia's benefit" I may get books cheaper, but I miss out on the whole fun of browsing in a book store and discovering little gems that aren't well known best sellers. And Australia's economy missed out on about \$100 of my spend a month. Good luck in your endeavours Dymocks.

Dee Rust
Sarah Best
Dawn Jakovich

Barbara Catherwood
Donald Xie
Daniel Gan
Cathy Fisher
Carolyn D'Silva
Stuart Sanderson
Xi Guo
Claudio Pasquazzo
Brooke Lemmey
Esther Marton
Catriona Bauld
Deborah Lau
Marianne Nayfe
Helen Fenton
Erin Welling
John Davis

As I am on a pension, any reduction on Dymocks books would be of a great help.

Miles Le Ray
Cecelia Meure

Books are prohibitively expensive in Australia. Any move to rectify this is gladly welcomed.

Nikki-joy Smith
Kylee Powell
John Mete
Sarah Mcleod

my whole family loves reading, and yes the prices do affect and limit me to what I can buy for them, so reducing the prices will increase what I can buy them which will make the whole family very happy. good luck and I hope you are successful.

Peijun Bao
Juliet Van Der Burgh

It seems strange that despite Australian Governments removing tariffs and promoting free trade, there are still protectionist restrictions for the book industry. It is particularly unfair that bookshops can't import books because they are unable to compete on price with Amazon.com, which enables the consumer to import books for cheaper prices.

Nichole Hoskin
Lani Corston
Roscel Uy
Nick Rawlins
Suzanne Clark

the current law only serves to add to the economic crisis, not save it
Stop protecting the fat cats and de - regulate now!!!!

Dorothy Eather
Robyn Crossfield
Mardi Mcnamara
Beverly Blight
Gill Carragher
Annmaree Herbert
Anne Geraghty
Natalie Mary Khong
Philip Halpin
Malathi Desai
Catherine Wong
Lauren Osborne
Michelle Kim Lam
Kerry Waight
Tynan Stuart

I agree that the price for books should be cheaper if the government want us to read more books they should remove the restrictions

There should be as few government restrictions as possible on trade.

MAKE THEM CHEAPER so I can buy more!

The cheaper the books the more people will be inspired to buy. That's got to be a good thing as it steers one away from the hideous, in-your-face mass marketing and advertising that comes with every other form of so called entertainment. It's far healthier for children, in particular, to enjoy the written word than sit like garden gnomes in front of the television soaking up the adverts.

Hilary Mayger
Erin Baker

Monica Xiao

I am strongly supporting this petition, books are educational tools that lead to success.

The more books we buy in Australia (instead of often having no alternative to pay US suppliers overseas for books that either we cannot get here or are still cheaper there after conversation and postage rates taken into account) the better it will be for the Australian readers, the economy and retailers who sell them here. Australia is great but we also want access to the overseas publications at a home level. We are global now or haven't you noticed?

Suzanne Walcott
Jennifer Smyth
Wendy Price
Wendy Williams
Kristy Luck
Lee Taylor
Rose Macalpine
Bernard Gee
Bernie McGuire
Debbie Godber

fully support the submission.

Kerrie McGovan

I want to keep my book buying in australia and support booksellers like Dymocks, but often it's far far cheaper for me to buy my books from Amazon.com with unemployment as high as it is and with the shortage of jobs out there, reading is my only escape from reality. cheaper books would be a big help.

Megan Lucas
Damian Cotellessa

Kesha Busing
Patrick Lockwood
Karen Lopez

Books are a source of education - they should be cheaper.

As a student, I fully support this move to import books cheaply. It is extremely difficult for me and most other students to have to buy books at ridiculous prices because we do not have a good enough system in place to allow us to buy cheaper books.

Rebecca Maait
Lucinda Coenraad
Alan Do
Lauren Clarkstone
Charlotte MacMillan
Mark Neal
Sharon Foong
Bernadette Dixon
Michele Dumpleton

Books may not be as contemporary or popular as other mediums, which may be why it has taken so long for something such as this Campaign to reduce their import restrictions, but books and intellectual medium should not be subject to higher prices for the consumer. If people are to buy books, it is necessary that they be able to select from the widest range and at the most competitive prices.

Madeline Bird
Rowan Parmiter
Shanice Wilson
Susan Pastre
Glenn Staff
Barry Rutter
Julie Elkes
Hayley Phillips
Daniela Kovac
Peter Lecornu
Kym Ogorman

I support this amendment.

I support this petition.

John Donnan
John Brown
Judith Donahay
Cynthia Laing

I am an avid reader and I wholly support this petition. If music lovers are assisted then the same should apply to readers.

Janet Cox
Candace Bordin
Damien Bowley
Katrina Youngman
Betty Knight
Kirstie Linklater
Jeffery Farrow

I believe that if books were made available at a reduced price we would see a lot more people buying more books for themselves and their children.

Erica MacPhail

Cheaper books can only benefit the consumer and encourage more people to buy books, and the current bookbuyers will be able to buy more.

Courtney Franz
Charles Xu
Sabine Sabek
Jarrad Kennington
Amy Smith
Katie Barber
Thuy Vu
Rebecca Tinoco
Eva Zhang
Robert Cock

Books are one of the major educators for our younger generations, so dont make it harder than it already is to get children to read like they used to.

The Books are expensive enough we need no rises in Price.

Don't make me waste my money.

Michael Salhani
Carmel Ielasi
Marion Farrow
Pamela Ann Lee
Megan Joce
Robert Cousins

Over the years of being a student at various levels, I found that I often had to resort to purchasing books from overseas publishers which were breathtakingly expensive. If we are serious about encouraging the Australian population to aspire to higher levels of education then removing prohibitive book prices removes one more barrier to learning.

Christine De Villeneuve
Nicole Hirtes
Emma McPhillips
Joshua Burke

Colleen Johnstone
Jacquelin Stephan
Laura Ruch
Louisa Vivian
Therese Ferguson
Rebecca Bowyer
Nava Ashurst
Jan Craig
Catherine Hicken
Karina Wong
Wendy Whitney
Zak Robertson
Kate Lord
Jeffrey Verden
Tegan Hargreaves
Alan Salmon
Rowland Pearce
Deepesh Wig

The current laws are just a form of protection, preventing international competition.

I myself love to read but books are getting very expensive

Doreen Batten
Michael Cullis
Aisyah Shah Idil
Gaye Matthews
Mark Hayes
Robyn McLean
Mai Vo
Fay Robinson
Kate Jung
Denise Thomas
Vicki Hare

I personally would buy more books instead of looking for and buying them on ebay.

Chris Gobby
Julia Aston
Mei Ng
Norm Lockett
Wendy Arcus
Heather Sawatzky
Emma Lambert
Steven Som
Joanne Lotherington
Margaret Ritchie

Recently I have been purchasing books from EBAY , as the full pricing of book's now is atrocious....I have been a bookworm for 47 yrs and now a pensioner , so I say good luck with this proposal.....regards Chris Gobby

absolutely essential

Annette Fanna
Natalia Fuentes

I recently bought a paperback book in Dubai while we were travelling and this book cost us less than half the price that it would have cost us in Australia.

Elizabeth Twinn
Marica Cindric
Caitlin Gracie
Carol Dubery
Margaret Avramides
Kim Neville
Bradley Davies
Kath Kelly
Ross Thompson
Tracy Sedgewick
Hope Raynel
Laarni Marie Yabut
Bec Schultz

As part of the 'Education Revolution,' it is vital that Australian literacy levels are raised. It is well known that economic backgrounds can severely affect the learning development of children, and recent British studies have shown that children are reading less and less. Any attempt to reduce the rate of illiteracy amongst the Australian public will promote a life-long love of learning and help to establish a much more intelligent (and therefore productive) nation, and thus must be supported. Don't let money dictate learning, it controls far too much of our lives already.

Stephanie Doohan
Cara Jerome
Rachel Lee
Justin McCormack
Caitlin Smith
Louise Wilson
Luisa Rheinlander
Alexandra Ennis
Trish Myjavec

To be honest, most of my money goes offshore where books are concerned, I buy from the US and the UK mostly, as even with postage and the current exchange rates it ends up cheaper. This is money that should be going back into the Australian economy, not helping overseas economies, especially in these trying financial times. Anything that will keep extra money in Australia and keep Australian bookstores in business should surely be welcomed by the government.

Jessica Kenny

Literacy is one of the cornerstones of human civilization - it's what elevates us from all other animals. Books are integral to the maintenance of literacy, but if they are too expensive, people will look to other forms of entertainment and communication that are cheaper, but which contribute little to the literacy level of the person, or their children. If books were cheaper, they would be accessible to more people, and you would find more people reading, and learning. I spend thousands of dollars per year on book purchases for myself, and also for my two young children, because the local library has a very limited selection of new release books, and there is a long waiting list of members who wish to read those books also. But how do you encourage a love of reading in children, when th

Vivienne Hook
Annette Lambert
Tyron Seeto
Debra Pinkerton
Tana Bailey
Kay Campbell
Nigel Lever

yay for cheaper books!

Lift the Level of Literacy in any way possible
Books should be cheaper to enable everyone to be able to buy them. They are a necessity of life

Amanda
natalie
Sue

Widdup
Doherty
Andrews

Robert
Jill
Shin
clem
Annie
Carolyn
Mita

Ford
Davis
Hwang
Doherty
Brent
Langworthy
Basir

Any efforts made to bring this about will be greatly appreciated. Congratulations!

Expensive books will encourage piracy - don't let this happen in Australia!

I currently buy books direct from the USA and even with exchange and shipping, they are much cheaper than they would be in Australia AND there are many, many more titles available. This is a disgraceful state of affairs and I fully support any move to allow unrestricted parallel imports by Australian booksellers.

Leonie
Catherine
Mark
Yun
Eleanor
Jocelyn

Boyce
Collins
Charge
Chen
Bunter
Stephens

I am able to buy books online through Amazon cheaper - even with the exchange rate - that I am through Australian retailers. If we are to do everything we can to support jobs in Australia then we need to address this problem.

Mary
Christina
Michelle
Michelle
Susan
Inderjot
Catriona
Susan

Roose
Lee
Doherty
King
Bendel
Uppal
Booker
Moore

Peter

Carla
Dianne
Gillian
Aiwah
Kellie
Paris
Rebecca
Julia
Sarah
Rachael
Jill
Donald
Carol
Jimmy
Catherine
Anne
Keith
Jonathon
Tracey
Robin

Savona

van Raay
Moses
Tandy
Khuu
Kruger
Lang
Pattison
Vandermee
Deer
Logie
Newey
McDonald
Trim
Huang
Watt
Harwood
Stevens
Papadopoulo
Carrodus
Bower

Book are knowledge, please do not make them more expensive then they have to be the Rudd Government has a chance here to undo a heinous disservice to Australian readers and bookshops.

I now buy most of my books via the internet, off sites such as Amazon, Alibris etc. Why would I pay \$80.00 for a book I can get for less than \$20.00. It's much cheaper even with postage and our poor exchange rate. I am old enough to distinguish the "Australian' spelling and terms from the American.

Christina Brooks
Priyata Pal
Laura Barwick

Reading books is about learning and having fun. Please don't make reading out of reach of the ordinary Australian by having high priced books. thanks,

David John Walden
Margaret Harvey
Syd Smith
Sue Peacock
Amanda Hedl
Penny Gorlick
Callum Thomson
Barbara Love
Olivia Ross
Bethany Conway
Susan Greening
Beatrice Mckeown

Supported fully Syd Smith

Kim Le

i believe that all people have the right to read books that were written for the people. although they are copyrighted, it doesn't have the rights to stop the people from reading the books that authors have put all their time and effort into writing them. that is just wrong and unfair to both the writer and the reader!

Linda Mcdermott
Jackie Dalgleish

Reading is such an important skill for our children lets make the books cheaper.

Frank Makin
Chris Davis
Nadia Bashnin
Penelope Oulton
William John Oddy
Lily Su
Lynelle Moon
Stacey Dale
Sunny Sengupta
Cheryl Gallagher

Anything that can reduce the price of written material can be related to improving education for our children, electronic media is not going to replace the pleasure of the written word

Sheila Fielding
David Warby
Jodi Red Wolf
Jean Werbeloff
Elizabeth Smith
Alecia Simmonds
Carolyn Jeffrey
Erika Burman
Dollena Mafi

It would also provide more employment for Australians and stop money being sent overseas to suppliers such as Amazon.

Patricia Will
Janine Davidovic
David Coy
Sharon Kavallaris
Sue Smith
John Halliday

I have previously lived in Europe and have always been horrified at how expensive books are here in Australia compared to overseas, particularly the UK where there has been a very competitive market for some years now after the lifting of similar restrictions there.

Penny van Beek
Miranda Horth

Books are so much more affordable overseas, I really hope this goes ahead so people don't have to pay \$30 for a half-decent read.

Camilla Gazzana
Tina Hardy

Does the government want to encourage educational behaviour such as reading, particularly as adolescents become more and more addicted to technology or not!?

Erin Allen
Roger Day
Laura Bell
Caroline Lee
Peters Bradley
Shari Keogh

I am all for freedom of choice. Both nationally and internationally.

Jeanne Taylor
Michael Balmer
Alison Bracey
Ronald Webb
Belinda Davis
Janet Diaz
Diane Watters
Dianne Todd
Rumsari Darma
Tina Smythe
Julie Apse
Denise Barrett
Laura Jones

Please note address change above

The importance of reading cannot be ignored.

Pam Farrell
Elisabeth Boogerd
Joan Davis
Jill Johnson
Nicole Pellizzon
Chris Allen
Leanne Moir
Terrence Hislop
Erinn Marrington
Mary Qiu
Danika Aifirevich
Kitty Chan
Vanessa Sims
Kris Wall

I'm perfectly happy to support the petition as long as copyrights etc are protected as mentioned in paragraph 2.

Yes, I agree wholeheartedly with what Dymocks are trying to do. We in Australia pay far too expensive prices for our books compared to overseas. We want to try and encourage all Australian's to read books especially our children. A lot of people just can't afford to buy them because of the price

Robyn Franks
Margaret Roberts
Berrie Warren
Rebecca Prescott
Patricia Hever
Phillippa Nairne

Please, Please, Please

Please make book accessible for generations to come by doing all you can to lower the selling cost of books

Ruth Voss
Paola Di Filippo
Lily Luo
Susan Deards
William Villarica

Ruth	Voss	Please make book accessible for generations to come by doing all you can to lower the selling cost of books
David	Leighton	
Sandra	Smithers	
Lana	Rubinstein	
Sarah	Chamberlain	Overpriced books are ridiculous, but the authors should be given the same royalty amount.
Elaine	Bishop	
Emma	Somogyi	
Joshua	Riley	
Rebecca	Alcock	
Andreina	Rech	
Karen	Middleton	
Allison	Mcgarry	
Clarissa	Luvia	
Jillian	Chisholm	
Vicki	Smith	
Kristy	Packham	I don't buy many books, mainly because they are so expensive. Sounds like a good deal for everybody
Katrina	Dawes	book lovers cant help but go into book shops that they pass, or cant be responsible when they buy 3 books that they dont really need. so i think that lowering prices will make them buy more. especially me because i love love love love buying books. I think that the productivity commission's draft report supports the continued exploitation of the Australian reading public. I fully support Dymock's proposal that import restrictions are lifted.
Gillian	Stevens	
Pamela	Hunter	It's about time, books are often currently more expensive than other non-educational material. Well done Dymocks!
Deanne	Vassallo	An intelligent population needs to read!
Julia	Lam	
Rosemary	Dale	
Georgina	Hall	
Mike	Sharp	
Irene	Alexander	
Kay	Mcculloch	
Claudia	Daniele	
Leanne	Mifflin	
Marianne	Rech	
Darren	Sculthorpe	
Melissa	Mccormick	
Shane	Leathem	
Adrian	Buxton	
Samantha	Willoughby	
Chantelle	Pereira	
Kathryn	Young	
Caroline	Booth	
Susan	Adshead	I have long held that books bought in Australia are outrageously priced. I sincerely trust that this petition is successful ..
Pamela	Proudfoot	
Marion	Starcevich	
Jocelyn	Brown	I fully support the opportunity to enable me to buy cheaper books, not just for myself but for my children also. I would rather buy local than purchase books from overseas online. At the moment the price difference makes it hard to buy locally.
Larry	Wale	
Chris	Winton	
Caterina	Rech	

I also believe this will put specialist book stores (such as Dymocks) in line with large chain stores that can sell books below RRP because of their buying power. Dymocks without having to pay excessive prices due to the importation laws should be able to sell books at a lower price therefore putting them in a more competitive position against the big chain stores.

Melissa Everett
Elaine Urquhart
Anna Chen
Katie So
Nadia Bertoldi
Rabia Ceylan
Richard Morris
Vivianne Tran
Jacqui Chalman
Robyn Mckenzie-smith
Angela Jamieson
Antony Roth

Michelle Sammon

All books should be affordable, and therefore available to everybody, as reading is such an essential aspect of education, as well as an enjoyable past-time. The current law sounds a bit like it is breaching the US-AUS Free Trade Agreement. Regardless if the government believes in a free market, and global markets, then I can not see why they should not support the new proposal - it will allow the politicians cheaper books as well!

Rodger White

We should be doing everything we can to make books less expensive in Australia - especially in the current climate. Why should Australian readers be forced to pay a premium for the same titles?! Having to order books from overseas because they're cheaper completely defeats the purpose of the current drive to 'buy Australian'.

Kerryn Young
Henny Abidin
Alice McKellar
Neroli Wood
Harvey Martin
Lorelle Comben
Gerard Hughes
Casey Pittman
Jo Vernon
James Brown
Jeremy Smyth

Thank you Dymocks for raising this issue!
books=knowledge; should be readily available to all indiscriminately

Lee-Ann Hayes
Richard Vorobieff
Shaun CH Lee
Liz Schloegel
Renaee Beecroft
Fatima Paras
Philip Guerney
Victoria Wallwork
Anna Del Monaco
Katy Zhou
Shaun Sang
Sharnie Dyson
Simion Legian
Leila Karam
Rashmi Jain
Owen Ferguson
Elizabeth Jordan
Stephen Jar Fraser
Patricia Ugolini

If prices on books keep going up how can we encourage our children to read all their lives if they ncan not afford to buy a book.

Tony	Buckmaster
Cara	Drew
Marian	Moore
Marie Claire	Ayoub
Kimberly	Hooi
Peta	Harper

I just wish books were cheaper and therefore more accessible to people. Books have become so expensive and in these hard economic times are going to become more and more inaccessible to the general public and yet MORE people should be reading. People are losing the skills to read, write and communicate in general!

Rebecca	Scott
Elisa	Fam
Andrew	King
Sandra	Zanuttini
Bruce	Coghill
Scott	Macmillan
Cheynee	Filkov
Lori	Shea
Karen	Sutherland
Ley	Edgecombe
Karen	Taskiran
Nathalie	Mcginty
Katie	Harwood
Cathie	Dickson
Ley	Edgecombe

Lets make it better for Australians.

ridiculous bumping up prices!

Prasad	Perera
Brooke	Mcgill
Ashlee	McKenzie
Tanya	Gonano

Get on with rest of the world. Cheap books = more readers = better education

Helen	Hogan
Richard	Brown
Rachel	Lee
Alice	Telford
Gretchen	Rayner
Geoffrey	Whitworth
Toni	Fisher
Fiona	Yuile
Leanne	Tam
Katelyn	Menzies

The removal of restrictions on parallel importation should be taken seriously and done in a timely manner!

Tracy	Rudd
Kerry	Newland
Jonathan	Logan
Angela	Yung
Emily	Robertson
Diane	Petre
Patti	Rossi
Peter	Hill
Darren	Brown
Jess	Armstrong
Phil	Harrison

Making books more accessible (by being more affordable) to the Australian buyer would encourage higher literacy levels AND strengthen the book industry, by providing a cheap portable and reasonably-priced entertainment to a country tightening the belt on so many other entertainments.

Import restrictions result in unfairly inflated prices for Australians.

I lived in the USA for 3 years and spent more on books in that year than almost anything else. My children all became huge readers and we now have a huge collection. It is about time that Australia caught up with the world. Cheaper books are more important than cheap CD's, DVD's or anything else.

Beverly Adair
Anne-Marie Robinson
Phillipa Erzay
Sophie Storie

Books are for enjoyment!

I would purchase more books more often if they were cheaper but as I am on a strict budget I am only able to purchase one book a month & it isn't enough as I read soooooo many books!

Justene Lewis

I am so pleased that finally this initiative is being undertaken within Australia. I travel overseas often and have always been so miffed to how much cheaper books are - especially in the UK and US.

Elizabeth Borrello

Since I started purchasing books in my teens - over 40 years ago - I have been aware that in Australia I pay significantly more for all books than overseas. This not only affects popular books, but important books I need for my work. Quite simply, the Australian branches of overseas publishers load prices by about 50%. It is necessary to change their culture of profiteering due to their monopoly control. If you need a certain book then the publisher does have a monopoly on that item.

John Henstridge

We want our children to read more so cheaper books will make it more affordable so that all families can buy them

Paula Corcoran
John Gaven
Tracey Walker

I can't believe in the wake of borders, amazon etc that the govt would do this I fully support Dymocks in their petition to lift import restrictions with regard to books to achieve cheaper prices for the Australian public.

Kristine Fong

Until the government removes these restrictions on importing books I will continue to support overseas bookshops such as Amazon where, even with exchange rate fluctuations, books are often upto 60% cheaper, and not my local Dymocks. (or Angus Robertson either). For too long the Australian public has been ripped off when it comes to literature. No wonder we've bred a nation of morons - it's too expensive to buy a book!!

Michael Cornfroth
Duri Gadola
Richard Gamble
Edwina Wong
Michael Bowen
Edward Carr
Michael Blair

Competition should be there to support the many rather than support the few.

About time. When travelling, I have been appalled at the pricing inequities that epitomise Australian purchased books when compared with the USA and UK. However, being an avid reader and faced with no choice, until now I've just had to cop it on the chin.

Anthony Higgins
Angelyn Tan
Cecil Deering
Debbie Lamb
Sarah Daniel
Justine Watson
Elsie Jensen

A long overdue petition.

More reading rocks!

books should be made cheaper some of the prices are ridiculous

As a consultant physician who works in the UK and has done so over the last 8 years, I am constantly staggered by the cost of books in Australia that have been imported. It is not unusual to find the cost 60% above the cost of the same books in the UK but, probably more important, I suspect that this same charging system is limiting the scope of books available in Australia - I have heard denial of this over the last 40 years (I am now 63).

Barry Berglind
Vanda Elcheikh
Katrina Woods
Claudia Subirat

Joanne Dumaresq
Katie Clarke
Quyên Phan
Rachael Fernandes
Scott Sprigg
Noelene Hames
Anita Margar Das

It is very important for Australia that its citizens be able to access knowledge as cheaply as possible. Otherwise we are disadvantaged in international and local markets for your products and services.

Peter Goodall
Lyn Scott

I am a librarian and believe having cheaper books will increase people reading and educated debate instead of limiting them on the basis they will benefit local businesses that publish books.

Dwight Walker
Jessica Teoh
Peter Campbell
Nicole McOrrie
Ryan Chwalko
Brad Carpenter
Lauren Okely

Won't somebody think of the children!!!!

Rebecca Gibbons
Amy Hindmarsh
Marisse Van Den Berg
Rebecca Johnson
Marian Calleja
Vivian Cai

Books are so horrendously expensive! Please reduce the cost a little so that our kids grow up with an enjoyable alternative to electronic media.

Carol Upton
Deepak Papanna

The cost of a book here in Australia is \$30+ compared to the same book in the US for \$15. Does our government want a nation that cannot enjoy inexpensive access to books?

Patricia Kenney
Pippa Knight
Andrea Shaw
Andrea Arvanitis
Peter Light
Sarndra Steel
Joanne Vujasinovic

I am a pensioner and love reading, due to my asthma I am home a lot, due to costs I am buying few books now and would certainly welcome the reduction of price of books

Angie Raphael
Julie Messenger
Janice Gemmell
Nadia Rixon
Carole Humphreys

If you want children to read, you have to make the cost of books cheaper to encourage parents to buy books for their children. Yes, there are still libraries, which are fantastic in my area, but if you really want to encourage book reading and sharing among children, I think the price of books needs to come down. I love books and reading, and I want to be able to buy all my favourite books at a reasonable price so that I can display them proudly in my home and allow friends to borrow and share my love of books.

Karen Rabey
Eleanor Bowles
Chris Devlin
Deanne Walsh-Hawthorne
Timothy Keiler

The cost of books has restricted the amount of books I read. Our local librarys do not meet the demand on new books being available.

Great work Dymocks

Peter Yandell
Rae Melican
Milyn Huynh
Neville Taylor
Megan Kovac
Stephanie Pugliese
Ann-Louise Cameron
Sandra Davis
Lucy Go

we shouldnt discourage reading due to cost

Katherine Laczko
Kathleen Kenny

Dear Sir/Madam, If you raise the price of books i wont have anything left to live for. I will riot and then commit mass suicide. Thankyou.

Krestina Amon

Everyone should be supporting and encouraging people to read. Everything else is costly as it is. Please do not hinder people from enjoying books by not making them affordable for us.

As a responsible Government should we not be encouraging people to read more books rather than sitting in front of the television? Most books are very expensive at the best of times, making them more expensive will be detrimental and make people less likely to buy them. With less money to go around during the financial crisis more people will spend their money on beer over a book...

Kylie Metropolis
Allan Thomson
Susie Nguyen
Adam Hazeldene
Gabrielle Ruane
Rita Huynh
Georgia Livanos
Caroline Galanos
Peter Nixon
Cathryn Paholski
Matthew Riley
Jason Carpenter
Paul Mcnamara
Bronwen Jewell
Mark McHugh
Tarryn Eddy
Carol Tillyer
Leanne Trace
Margaret Kennedy
Dianne Sadek
Anna Waanders
Varsha Srinivasan
Hamida Parkar
Noel Michael Caine
Michele Wilks
Sally Black

you would notice a boom in sales for starters among many other things
I support your course for cheaper books there i love reading

Cheaper books will mean more sales.

Australian book market should be kept up to date with the latest and greatest books and not have additional taxes imposed. Not all families view reading as a valuable tool for their children's mental development or in fact their own. If books are made more affordable maybe it will assist in increasing the reading ability age within Australia.

Melissa Mandy
Pucci Lang
Catherine Tranter
David Wright
Robin Nelson
Natasha Penney
Margaret Jilli Pike
Catherine Brogan

Bryanne Eastwel
Geoffrey Hadley
Sean Goldspink

I absolutely agree. Too many imported books are prohibitive in price and the prices need some parity with local publications.

Robyn Gilbert
Catherine Brogan

Why is it that I can buy books in the US & UK and even with the added cost of postage they are cheaper than if I bought them in Australia?

Catherine Cowan
Robyn Beaton
Jessica Tan
Suzanne Wilson
David Newman
Margaret Murkin

I have always been very cross at how much we pay for books in Australia

Michael McPhee

I regularly travel to Ireland and cannot believe the difference in the price of the same books between Belfast and Perth. The high cost we pay is a tax on knowledge and should be lifted immediately.

It is absolutely ridiculous that books continue to have import restrictions. Do we not share the common goal of making books as accessible to the people as possible? We should be encouraging books and the worlds, perspectives and lessons they contain - not discouraging them in lieu of government revenue. Get you act together, parliament. I'm only 16 and even I know this much.

Elizabeth Toriola
Reta Dearing
Karen Molin
Donna Allen
Moody Maddison
Kristie Okely
Melanie Abbott
Nasna Djaja
Lee Wallace
Meredith Gibbs
Anita Ward
Susan Cooper

As a customer that now buys books in digital format I have noticed that overseas customers are paying much less for books than I am, This just means that now I will buy the digital book from an OS company instead of an Australian company.

Ann Pilon
Aleksandra Rnjak

Here, here. I still purchase the bulk of my books from the UK and USA as they are still cheaper, even after shipping. The change would allow me to support local booksellers instead and make them more competitive in the global market.

Frances Lodge
Susan Riley
Diane Bell
Sandra Johnston
Carmina Anc Guntang
Jenny Berthold
Naomi Lillywhite
Brian Clancy
Monica Bridle
Salyna Duplock
Linley Colvin
Emily Maher
Kellie Mitchell
David Shipton
John Charles Munckton
Mario Gonzalez

Moira Lavery
Jeffrey Riley
Jess Parker
Cheryl Kennedy
Evie Jenner
Laetitia Legg
Geoffrey Kleu

Joy Guinane
Joseph Ales
Carol Freedman
Sonia Murphy

The best way to encourage reading is to make books more accessible to more people - bring down the price.

Cheaper books to create greater reading!!
CHEAPER BOOKS!!!!

I used to buy many books each year. The increase in prices has made me reduce the number I currently buy.
greed is the course of all ill!

Addison Hung
William Barin
Maree Coffman
Robyn Gaze
Kathy Pham
Melissa Mara

I fully support Dymocks urge for the Coalition for Cheaper Books' Campaign for the removal of restrictions on parallel importation. Cheaper books will allow people to a greater access of books, which will improve Australia's Literary levels of citizens.

Emma Plummer
Akira Hachigo
Kath Corben
Chantelle Khan
Gillian Pole
Tina Carleo
Jacqui Byrne
David Madrick
Elizabeth Rushton
Ivan Ho
Amanda Cousins
Marleen Potter
Matthew Davis
Robyn Brien
Wayne Mcnickle
Pam Hogben
Pamela Percy-dove
Chris Anderson
Gillian Iannucci
Lexie Hurford
Sabi Gordos
Fiona Lunsmann
Sue Robb
Shelley Egan
Amelia Taufa
Jaclyn Fitzgerald
Monika Paplinski
Sharon Werner
W. Harvey Holmes
Carol Silk
Alan Tinker
Norma Bertram

It is the 21st Century and a global market. Australian companies should be able to negotiate internationally. It is the Australian people who suffer with ridiculously inflated prices; else people just use international websites to order books which does not support local businesses.

No wonder the books are so expensive!

Peter	Candotti
Krystle	Westhorpe
Paul	Callaghan
Julie	Shields
Clinton	Moore Crouch
Pierre	Emsalem
Jane	Bradshaw
Danny	Tauv
Andrew	Malcolm
Melinda	Klein
Ade	Kumalasari
Colin	Bell
Rosemary	Foster
Yuen-quan	Cho
Robert	Ayling
Ray	Barnes
W.	Holmes
Jesse	Shore
Sarah	Lynch
Kaye Marie	Quin Conroy
Sophie	Todhunter
Lisa	Batley
Jodi	Heasman
Lisa	Szymik

The cost of books needs to be able to compete with other leisure materials such as CDs and DVDs

Gavin	Bollard
Cassandra	Dyson
Rosalie	Breen

Less expensive books means more books being read encouraging greater literacy, and more sales benefit the writers and sellers.

Steve	Boyce
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Any assistance to buy books cheaper can only lead to a higher selling rate and benefits to sellers and families

John	Bussell
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John Bussell

Why is it that Australians have ALWAYS had to pay more for EVERYTHING that is brought into this country. Even our own Australian Made products are made more expensive due to the import costs of any overseas materials or machinery used. So much so that manufacturers in this country are outsourcing to countries like China, India, etc., because they can not only be made cheaper in those countries but can also be imported at a cheaper rate. How much do we have to endure these inadequacies. Poor Fella My Country indeed. Lovely country, delightfully isolated from the rest of the world, allowing us to contain quarantine. Yep, I love Australia, but why do we have to pay more than the rest of the world for anything, let alone books. Reading materials are so important, not only to basic educa

Beverley	Mcgrane
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I strongly support the removal of import restrictions to open the book market to international competition. The price of books in Australia is too high. I equally strongly disagree with the draft recommendation that import restrictions should continue to apply for 12 months from the date a book becomes available in Australia.

Graeme	Gillies
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This, too a significant degree, retains the current arrangements.

This reduction in protection will not only benefit consumers/book buyers, but the in the long term it will benefit the overall Australian economy, with a more efficient and competitive market.

Lilian	Chau
Jayson	Coles-black

Ronald	Raines
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Tired of being ripped off by overseas publishers --THEY still classify Australia as a subservient colony

Just yesterday I bought two books from the U.S. which together were \$50 cheaper than buying them in Australia (and that includes delivery!). One was released less than 12 months ago and was 1/2 the AUD price that I could get from an Australian retailer. Please remove restrictions so that Australians can buy books from Australian retailers without the inflated prices, otherwise I will be forced to continue to buy my books from the U.S. or elsewhere.

Sylvia Ryan
Richard Faulder
Lachlan Mead
Andrew Crawford

Books should certainly be cheaper for the general public - literacy is already disgustingly low.

Sandra Gillett
Jacqueline Dickinson

I support the move for cheaper book prices.

Yes, please, let us have cheaper books. Reading will always have a place in our lives and there is nothing better than settling down with your favourite book to escape our hectic lives. I have always encouraged our children to read books and now they are adults they still love a good book.

Roslyn Troy
Grant Batty

A book is the window to the world, opens our minds and trips our imagination. Books should be affordable to all and at the moment they are not, lowering book prices would enable more Australians to read and would help children's literacy levels to improve. I would like access to books at competitive prices which is not happening at the moment.

Helen Sinclair
Joanne Appelbee
Brenda O'Brien
Candida Carelli
John Hepburn

Australians deserve cheaper books - at prices comparable to those available overseas.

Jan Burnett-McKeown

As an independent and self employed researcher and Adjunct Associate Professor of Curtin University (without institutional income support) the issue of affordable access to the latest published books is critical for my work and life.

Dr Helen Singleton
Peter Abrahamson
Tamsin Jones
Susan Kitching

It amazes me that I can buy books from an overseas provider like Amazon that are cheaper than the same thing here even with international freight charges included. I want to buy local and do as often as I can - why should I be significantly financially penalised for doing that?

Pam Macdonald
Rodney Dippel

Cheaper books will hopefully encourage more children and adults to pick up a book rather than turn on the TV or play computer games. Hopefully, it could also make it cheaper for students needing already expensive text books.

Elizabeth Mcintosh
Chantal Davidson
Shirley Griffiths-smith
Trevor Gallagher
Olivia Burke
Anne Ashby

Australian children need to enhance their reading skills. Our children have to wait years for books by their favorite authors to be available in Australia. They read about the book online but cannot buy them. By the time the book is released here the child has grown out of that book. We need these children to read good material and read it when THEY are ready for it.

Pearl Ager
Raymond Lumley

Yes it would be lovely to have books at a cheaper rate... the USA seem to do it well!!!!!!

lyn Whitfield-King

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lyn Whitfield-King

Ayse Mikkelsen
Vicky King

Yes it would be lovely to have books at a cheaper rate... the USA seem to do it well!!!!!!

Iyn Whitfield-King
Margaret Turner
Sharon Laing
Nicole Beltane
Kathleen Ma Corkill
Janis Murdock
Trish Sorensen
Elizabeth Knox
Maryanne Donlevy

i would love to see the price of books come down.

Rhys Tague
Harry Corones
Clarissa Hughes
Kaley Purcell
Amanda Barnett
Sandra Demaio
Christine Lindstrom
Taryn Smith

When I can't purchase something in a book store like dymocks I buy it on amazon from overseas. It is so frustrating. I wish I could just walk into a store and buy the book I want for the right price.

Yes. Books should be cheaper.

Jacqueline Lee
Kay-lora Tang

When the exchange rate is reasonably high, it is actually cheaper to buy books off the internet e.g Amazon and thats even adding shipping costs. If no changes are made, it would make it increasingly hard for Australian booksellers to remain competitive.

I am the child and grandchild of book lovers and want my children to grow up loving and valuing books the way I did - and that is through not only reading them - but also owning them, saving up your pocket money and buying them! So many other things are getting cheaper - why make something so intrinsically valuable unobtainable for the average person? Surely this will help improve literacy and make us the clever country we want to be? Keep culture!!!! Make books available to all - make them cheaper!!!!

there is less and less people who read books- why punish the ones who do?

A very good idea.

Georgia Mcnamara
Alyce Reynolds
Drew Von Thien
John Michael Gibbons

The prices of books in Australia are ridiculous. I don't understand why we pay so much when the government keeps saying they are interested in improving literacy rates. Making it cheaper will improve access to those who really need it.

Brooke Whitaker
Rebecca Jackson
Ronald Wilkins

It will allow us (the readers) to read what is available in other countries, thus allowing us to see what are the topics that "float their boats"!!!!

Maureen Mckay
Lillian Wang
Nena Kim Salobir
Alan Thomas Gibbons

I believe the restrictions should be removed from books. I often purchase books online from sites like Amazon as they are cheaper than buying them in Australia. I would like to see the money go to Australian businesses not overseas. I have an 8-year old son who has taken time to take to reading but it is through continuously buying books (new and second-hand) that he has become interested in books. How can we educate the next generation when books are so expensive? It costs over \$30 for an adult paperback novel - unless you love books you won't spend that sort of money. There should be no GST on books either, they are not a luxury item, they are an essential part of continual education, no matter what age you are.

Gaye Burrows
Val Ferguson
Michael Thor Gibbons

At the moment it is cheaper to purchase books from overseas websites in the UK and US and have them transported here e.g. Amazon That can't be right! I want to support WA economy

Nicola Green

Emma MacMillan

books should be available for everyone at affordable prices - everyone has the right to enjoy books and reading should be a part of every Australian's lifestyle!

Claire Holderness
Lynne Cooper

i hate having to order books from the us or the uk because i CAN'T GET THEM OVER HERE or they are way too expensive. It would be great if something was done about it, books are way too expensive!

Marie Denham
Trish Bavich
Michael Bevan

I have thought for many years the price of books in Australia is outrageous compared to other countries. Good hardcover books can be bought overseas and imported to Australia cheaper than a common paperback can be bought here. This is ludicrous.

Richard Allen
Felicity Mckenzie
Jane Mezzina
Teresa Maur Gibbons
Tatjana Drca
Danielle Woolhead
Marnie Mcgregor

In this era of the Global Village the Government should show it's commitment to truly Free Trade in all commodities, including books. If we are serious about urging (eg) the US to remove unfair subsidies on farm produce in order that Australia is able to fairly compete on a "level playing field" we must also agree to the same level playing field with respect to books.

Barbara Sutton
Abby Ching
Kathryn Stewart
Mish Baker
Susan Donald
Margaret Croker
Rebecca Taubert
Caroline Szalay
Wendy Finnis
Tiffany Scrivener
Pippa Harris
Lorraine Paul
Belinda Dickie
Max Cooper
Gosia Rutkowska
Kara Hazlitt

Being an avid reader I am all for Dymocks obtaining books at the most competitive price possible. I, and a vast number of friends, buy anything up to 10 books a months each, so being able to purchase this number of books at better prices is to my and Dymocks advantage.

Lyndal Hatfield
Janis Hadley
Karen Zhuang
Heather Mercer

If the government intends to 'stimulate' the economy by having Australian's spend money within it's confines, please ensure that we are ENABLED to purchase items from local distributors for reasonable prices. Personally I would buy 'off-shore' via the net if the prices became too inflated here in Australia.

Deborah Rushworth
Sandra Femia
Simone Partridge
Elly Black
Sarah Hansen

Tina Sallis

I am an avid reader, as is my 11 year old son. I would truly appreciate being able to buy more books for a more reasonable price.

It is especially important to me as i am a uni student teaching Kindergarten in Primary school and the cost of chilren's picture books it far too high, especially for a struggling uni student such as myself.

Kerrie Martyn
Laurie Favelle
Catherine Benoit-spargo

Charlie Rudd

I feel that we have had to suffer this unfair cost impost for far too long. It merely entrenches a privelidge of a "rentier" group of monopoly holders. Any moves by Government to making reading accessible and cheaper for everyone, can only benefit Australia by making it a smarter country.

Lena Dunn
Nadia Jones
Sue Folkard
Martin Rowney
Michael Brown
Janet Wilson

Anna Guy
Nikola Vanstan

Books available in Australia NEED to be cheaper! With the advent of internet shopping, if I can get a book delivered to Australia faster and cheaper than local suppliers can match, this does nothing to help our local market.

I am originally from Canada and I have alwasys been flabergasted by the price of books here in Australia. It seems very unfair for us to have to pay inflated prices to 'read' books when elsewhere in the world there are cheaper books. If books were cheaper perhaps they would be more accessible to everyone...which is a very very positive thing!

Kim Cawsey
Sally Mcdiarmid
Anette Jansen Van Vuuren
Casey Ashby
Kelly Morris
Natarsha Furiosi
Sharon Kostopoulos
Stacey Drobona
Paul Saunders
Campbell Webster
Christina Imada
Brian Warriner
Carol Grocott
Dayna Hazeldine
Amy Johnson

Brittanii Doherty
Leah Hansen
Margaret Langson
Catherine Jonkers
Barbara Powell

Less people will read, if books are expensive. So, really, lowering prices on books could boost literacy!

I would appreciate it if the Productivity Commission would outline its reasons, which I assume is primarily for the protection of copyrite, which, under the Dymocks proposal would still be protected. Surely a solution that both protects the author/publisher and allows freedom for the importer is best. The productivity commission should NOT unnecessarily stop free enterprise.

Les Landau
Lorraine Nesbitt
Dianne Merrifield

We pay far too much for books here in Australia; books form a valuable part of society and our development. Please make them more affordable for all of us!

Sabrina Davis
Michael Smith
Trent Zeitzen
Edlyn Tio
Deborah Hess

Making books cheaper to purchase in Australia would mean I would finally be able to purchase most of my books from Australian bookstores - rather than ordering from overseas. As it is, at the moment, it's often cheaper (even when you factor in international shipping costs) to purchase books from overseas and have them delivered here.

Matthew Gurr

i am a high school student and absolutely love books but cannot afford them. if this is introduced, it would make a great difference to me and other people in different situations. i would love to see this eventuate.

Kaitlyn Fitzpatrick
Patricia Eisenhammer
Jasmine Hersee

For people who love to read books at their own pace, it can be very expensive. Also for people to have reference books it can sometimes make it impossible. Please make our books cheaper. Think of the children who we are also trying to encourage to read more, improve themselves for their future. You can't always rely on the libraries to carry the books you like either. Thanks

Helen Doessel

Making books cheaper to purchase in Australia would mean I would finally be able to purchase most of my books from Australian bookstores - rather than ordering from overseas. As it is, at the moment, it's often cheaper (even when you factor in international shipping costs) to purchase books from overseas and have them delivered here.

Elizabeth Gurr
Kerry Judge
Simon Macneall
Rachel French

Make books affordable for our children so that price is not such an obstacle. Too much is learned nowadays from watching (tv, movies etc) and the enjoyment and imagination which is developed from reading is being lost to a lot of youth.

Sue Backhouse
Nicola Hulme
Andrew Robins
Sally Syme
Belinda Bastion
Mari Futaesaku
Megan Williams
Felicity Mckenzie
Mrs Robyn Wain
Claudia Camenzind
Veronique Furzer
Teresa Tanzer
Gauri Chatrath-wig
Brittany Adams
James Laurie
Litania Lie
Olivia Kidman
Craig Bruce

People in the world need something good, and this will help provide that.

Nicole	Callaghan	
Vicki	Connor	
Adam	Haxhi	
Janet	Mills	Reading is educational and should be made as cheap as possible.
Heidi	Fok	
Amanda	Lenard	
		Self education and personal growth through enabling access to well priced books can only help our society. I believe if books become more affordable, more books would be consumed. Simple economics. The more people read, the more stories they share about books they have read - network theory. Any potential loss of profit by wholesalers should be more than made up by the additional volume. If we want an education revolution - lifting these restrictions would be a great start. I give my full support to this petition. Well done Dymocks for bringing it to my attention. Its a win win for all of us.
Dennis	Szabo	
Sandra	Matheson	
Jill	Birt	
Dennis	Szabo	
Amer	Abou Assaleh	I am choked that we still have such restrictions here in Australia
Linda	Green	
		Having been in Europe recently and the cost of books was much more acceptable than here in Australia - I was able to purchase newly released books for \$12 - why am I not able to do so here in Australia. Being a Primary teacher I am very keen for children AND their parents having access to plenty of books and if the cost was more reasonable then many more Australians will become lovers of reading and therefore more aware of what is happening around them - they will read the papers / information / reviews easier if encouraged to read because their access is not hindered by cost.
Mary	Preston	
Michelle	Hunter	
Catherine	Mccarthy	
Neil	Mercer	
Adrian	Burns	
Christine	Chuter	
		I support the protection of copyright, however would like to see books available cheaper within Australia.
Nathan	Jones	
Simon	Hookham	
Janelle	Pottie	
		I cant beleive that this hasnt already been done, any thing that stops cheaper books which improve literacy should already have been done
Andrew	Edwards	
Tegan	Clark	
		If the price of books was reduced I would certainly purchase a lot more. Instead of waiting for them to be on "specials" I would buy them immediately. At the moment in the \$30.00 range is just too much. I am sure there are many other people in the same position.
Judy	Finlayson	
Chris	Roughsegde	
Hayley	Lock	Please dont make them any more expensive!
Joan	Ford	
Charlie	Sedanayasa	
Lyn	Culhane-Browning	
Robyn	Flemming	
Hanna	Sketchley	
Tracey	Forrester	
Natasha	Canuto	
		I firmly believe books should be cheaper, and so more available to anyone who wants to read them. Cheaper books mean more books would be bought, so profits would not be lost. This will benefit Australia in the long term, as literacy levels rise.
Denise	Nelson	Give books to more Australians!

Aparna	Vats	Books are Knowledge and knowledge should not be 'sold' at prices that a common man finds hard to get. Of all the things the government gets upto and the people go along with it - this is something they should be stopped from doing because it is ridiculous!! I say NO!
Darka	Marotte	I enjoy buying books for myself as well as gifts for family and friends and would appreciate the removal of restrictions on parallel importation
Scott	Bornholm	
Marilyn	Burbags	
Steve	Edwards	Books are over priced, the Dymocks proposal is sound.
William	Heague	
Sheila	Harloe	
Jennifer	Marshall	
Joshua	Zydeveld	This is a great idea! Especially in light of the economic issues at the moment.
Karyn	Sanders	
John	King	
Jan	Hannagan	
Audrey	Mitchell	
Kathryn	Mcveigh	
Sarah	Armenis	
Seamus	Rothsey	
Jane	Gillon	
Sarah	Porter	
		I think being able to access books at these lower prices would reduce the need to go to websites like Amazon to source cheaper books, keeping more dollars here (and having the books on-hand quicker).
David	Phillips	
Catherine	Livingston	
Karen	Stevens	
Volker	Aeuckens	
Maxine	Van Scherpenseel	
		if the prices rise up, the number of readers will drop and we all want to encourage more people to enjoy their own imaginations and fanatsy worlds that books provide (:
Vivian	Chan	
Diane	Kearney	
Sandra	King	
		We read alot of books in our home, but the prices we currently pay are crippling. The prices of books in Australia do need to be reduced.
Kathryn	Blaich	
Liz	Mcleod	
		It is a disgrace and totally indefensible that I have to buy books from overseas off Amazon for example because it is significantly cheaper to do it this way. You are taxing my education and knowledge to protect the book selling industry. This is hardly an impressive position for the Productivity Commission to take even with a Labour Gvt in power. Poor showing!
Jeremy	Pooley	
Murray	Barton	
Melissa	Butcher	
Jodie	Hayley	
Cyndi	Cole	It would be great to get books at a cheaper price
Anita	Grifiths	
		It's about time Australian booksellers and buyers got a decent deal. I am still resorting to purchasing from Amazon (US), while AUD is around USD0.70, & even with paying freight charges I usually get a cheaper price than I can in Australia. It is ridiculous.
Meryl	Pannaci	
Helen	Crick	
Sherry	Baxter	
June	Hings	
		I feel very strongly about the extortionate pricing of some books here in Australia when compared to US and Canadian pricing
Andy	Blumfelds	
Shirley	Coxon	

Kaye Morgan
Stephanie Monastra
Jenny Hayley

Education is power, and if we can make it available to more people through cheaper books I believe that our society would be a better place.

Jacqui Brown
Kylie Castor
Shane McAliece
Helen West
Tracy Staines
Alan Galbraith
Steven Crick
Amanda Hayley
Chris Kokolas
Gae McElhone
June Burnett
Kellie Magee
Dolores Hombsch

I currently purchase around 95% of my books directly from online book stores located in both the US and the UK. I would much prefer to buy my books locally, but currently the price difference (even with the addition of overseas postage) makes this choice economically unviable. Sometimes the price savings of buying online as opposed to locally can be as much as half price. Unless the situation in Australia changes, I will continue to purchase my books internationally.

Serena Jensen
John Worth
Katherine Prastidis
Samantha Liebich
Michael Kerr

I heartily endorse this venture and/or petition.
Please bring down the price of books! I am sick of buying \$35 for a soft cover book of 200 pages!

Gemma Hayley
Samantha Buck
Elisabeth Tacko
Cornelia Lodder
Rob Willis
Kristy Sinteur

This is an important initiative if Australia is to sustain & grow a reasonable level of book readership and ultimately help stave off declining literacy.

George Gibbins
Tomme Tsang
Kristy Crawford

It makes perfect sense to remove the restrictions on the importation of books, and bring the regulations into line as per CD's.

Michael Sheridan
Suan-li Low
Toni Hubble

I believe the current laws make no sense where it is possible to order books directly from internet sites such as amazon.com

Paul Whitfield
Olivia Newsome
Andre Wheeler
Anea Hurdle
Katrina Meenahan
Andrew Phillips
Roger Fenwick
Caitlin Howroyd
Hilary Goodier

Books need to be affordable in order to promote literacy in our schools and society. By making them more expensive our children and future generations are being deprived of the privilege of cost effective access to reading.

Kishore Singh
Shoshane Boyd

Emily Marquart
Jil Shaw
Katherine Parry
Robin Lukis

Kate Frost

Julia Acworth
Brian Lam

Maureen Kiernan
Jasmyn Scott
Anne Hadfield
Peter Rodny Macamay
Ronald Ingham
Ella Rooney
Christine Gaul
Annemarie Hill
Veronica O'Keeffe
Melissa Davino
Tim Connors
Jennifer Hoskin
Raelene Morgan
Lauren Smith
Lisa Skupch

Phil Sutherland
Melinda Mitchell

Patricia Skilton

Rhonda Moffitt
Roz Khosh
Danielle Lewis
Tuna Dincer

Lynette Hey
Sophia Sakellis
Belinda Scott
Bonnie Jones
Mary Vitalone
Alexandra Prentice
Melanie Prentice
Triska Di Cicco
Neill Chapman
Dora Dreyfus
Yvonne Hudacek
Thomas Phillips
Judith Williams
Michelle Sue
Adrian Webb
Philip Bracken

I definitely support anything that brings people to become readers ! Making the price more accessible can only be a great thing in this economic climate
Since living in Perth for the last 2 years I make the bulk of my book purchases on Amazon, it is still cheaper to pay the overseas postage than buy books here. My daughters get books from the library, whereas in the UK I would buy them a new book weekly.

Cheaper books in Australia would save people having to order their books on line from overseas.

Trade restrictions of this sort are archaic, and have been or are being removed in almost every other industry. I see no reason that book publishers should receive special treatment, to the detriment of the Australian book consumer.

I feel books are too expensive. I read a lot and am always looking for a cheaper read as the new books cost too much. I am retired so I have limited income and one of the joys of my life is reading.

Cheaper books would be especially beneficial for families, it would provide the opportunity to buy more books and share in the reading experience.

Cheaper books mean we can read more.

I agree that we should be able to access cheaper books. I sometimes look at the prices and it prevents me from buying some books I would otherwise have purchased.

Serious booklovers on limited budgets will certainly applaud such a move.

Matthew	Miliani
Daniul	Chowdhury
Suellen	Tolley
Mark	Thorpe
Helen	Stackhouse
Steve	Hill
Dr Loretta	Giorcelli
Samantha	Larkin
Peter	Woollacott
Ilona	Regev
Gary	Mcmahon
Lesley	Chang
Kharla	Jones

I have moved from England, where there are book clubs to get cheaper books and deals etc. I am appalled how expensive books are here. We read alot as a family and it is cheaper for me to get books from the uk paying a postage fee of £40!!! Books are important and I have stopped buying books in Australia!!! Not the right thing for the Australian economy!!!!!!! or the Australian children!!!

Jennifer	Govett
Korinne	Nolan
.steve	james
Diana	Todd
Maria	Lissenburg
Aimee	Munro
Salwah	Kirk
David	Simmons

Anything which makes books cheaper is good for everyone.

Candace	Littleton
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All Australian's should have access to all titles released worldwide. Protect the authors rights, absolutely, but give us the choice of all books published. We should be doing all that we can to make books more affordable. In tough economic times these luxuries are often one of the first things people do without but we need to be promoting a love of books and reading for the positive effects that it has on our society.

Brenda	Murphy
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I order most of my books from the US, UK and Canada because it's cheaper to pay the shipping and currency conversion than to buy them in Australia.

Helen	Bailey
Michelle	Deans
Nicole	Aravidis
Emily	Cooke

If books were cheaper there would be more people buying books. A lot of people cannot afford to pay the prices that are current with new book launches

Patricia	Sanford
Colin	Power
Joe	Malik
Maeghan	Mcdonald
Debbie	Collins
Sarah	Lock

Anne	Rutledge
Jan	Mcmahon
Maryanne	Mcgregor
Ninette	Maddrell
Angelique	Milojevic

I purchase many books but at the current prices, I have to think twice before I do.

Jennifer	Limb
Chermai	Clews
Ian	Rigby
Karen	Wright
Chris	Kenward
Samantha	Lambert
Eileen	Sims

I totally agree. How can all australians keep up with the literary world and continue to be well educated with books costing so much.

We want an educated population let us have access to books at a fair price

Brian Fawcett
Simone Buzwell
Mabel Carlisle
Amy Stevens
Tracy Reid
Jennifer Katy Wang
Jan Wilson
Judi Campbell
Claire Manning
Alexander Kerber
Laura Hay
Ashley Joyce

I certainly support this. For way too long we have paid really top rates for books. Please remove these restrictions and let true competition in! Thank you. BARBARA I am a book lover and one reason I don't purchase more is the increased costs.

Barbara Scott
Julian Gates
Murray Brown
Juliet Addis
Hannah Elliss
Helen Broadfoot
Lihling Chong
Jody Thorpe
Ann Brewer
Ignacio Diaz
Leisa Walter
Pamela Collins
Tony Wright
Anna Barbouttis
Michelle Duke
Bobbie Matthews
Jackie White
David Cook
Jason Hooker
Janice Young
Aidan Sumner
John Noakes
Elizabeth Bazen

I think books should be as cheap as possible so as to encourage reading, literacy, learning and knowledge sharing.

Deanna Lang
Stephanie Devine
Carley Goldspring
Kim Vo
Lynette Anderson
Sabina Cull
Tina Sutcliffe
Leah Webb

This sounds like a ridiculous law. No wonder books are half the price in the rest of the world. I can import from the UK or US, from Amazon. Pay postage and get it cheaper than I can in my local bookshop 5 minutes up the road.

Nic Lennie
Jennifer Gibbs
Janet Hall
Richard Sheehan

If there is a legal way for the Australian public to have access to cheaper products then it should be a priority to make it available. If the price of books was more affordable a wider range of people would have access and a new generation may discover the wonder of reading again!

Christine Gates
Naradhip Kaewprasitdhi

Eugen Graeme Jacqueline	Kovac Churcher Bradshaw	My husband and I support your campaign. Well, is either reducing prices here, or us, clients buying online. Even with shipping charges, is cheaper to buy it directly from overseas. I support the COALITION for CHEAPER BOOKS!
Federico Lyn Wendy	Jaramillo Boyes Ma	As a committed reader since infancy, I am trying to pass on my love of books to my grandchildren and assist them with gaining a love of reading and language. Any reduction in the cost of books would be very welcome and will help families to encourage their children to read.
Robin Kate	Herron Elton	With these current restrictions many book lovers like myself simply order books direct from the UK and US market as even with postage it is cheaper than purchasing here in Australia. I would prefer to purchase books from a local company and support them, but price is the deciding factor. If books were available in Australia at the same or similar price as overseas then I would have no hesitation buying them.
Andrew Keri Deborah Gayl	Mullaly Hartog Flood Galbraith	The result we should be benchmarking against is the outcome for CD's in recent times. I'm all for cheaper books
Stephen Clea Norman Christine Linda Natasha Gillian Cheryl	Mcelwee Sandler Aitken Crasto-Carvalho Der Clarke Marshall Miller	
Angela Robyn Andrew Nannette Melissa Rebecca Rosalba Sue	D'Ambra Mason Johnston Gledhill Clare Chapman Formato-Franklin Rennett	This issue has needed to be addressed for so long and now that it is I may choose to buy books locally instead of ordering them from overseas for cheaper prices
Kathryn Ada Kate Lesley Jodie Phung Sandra Trudy Carol Malgorzata Peta Betty Jenny	High Miyashiro Flowers Halamek Cary Nguyen Sherry Lucas Ferrone Sak Delaney Sfakianakis Galbraith	I used to live in the UK and would purchase 2-3 books per week from the supermarket with a retail price of 3.73 UK pounds. All of these were new release paperbacks. I cannot afford to read as much as I used to with the prices of books in Australia.

Janet Hayden
Julie-ann Wigham
Anne Finnie

I strongly support this petition!
You need to encourage people to read - not make it out of their reach!
Having just returned from the USA and seeing the vastly different cost of books I cannot agree with this partition more. Lets increase the likelihood of Australians purchasing books at reasonable prices.

Melissa Harty
Leanne Barnes
Jacqueline Powell
Alana Bechelli
Louise Bewick
Mona Mbogua

Please make books more affordable, so more people can read them AND more people will continue to have their own personal library.

Phyllis Foster
Fiona Maley
Lydia Caporrella
Dani Simonds
Adam Watson
Sharon Mortimer
Alfred Esteban
Cathryn James
Gillian Fleck
Cheryl Johnson

Increased knowledge for all!!!

Reading is one of the greatest gifts a parent can give to their children. The gift of books, particularly new books, encourages reading. Please remove the restrictions on parallel imporation so more parents can afford to buy new books.

Melissa Young
Sam De Francesco
Brett Payne
Keith Crews
Peta Button
Sara Parker
Glen Dickinson
Michelle Oakley
Kim Swift
Maria Jenner
Alyson Noakes
Kelli Floyd
Jill Mewett
Karen Rogers
Peter Joyce
Nancy Comelab
Gavin Migro

I wish you luck!!

I so hope this silly restriction will be removed! Thank you for the initiative.

Lara van der Wall
Neil Hunt
Nicole Saunders
Tina Howlett
Narelle Redmond
Melinda Carr
Elizabeth Jones
Margaret Speers
Merryl Walker
Louise Oliver
Helen Bell
Gloria Chan
Daniel Moss
Mark Kellett
Bev Bostolk

I strongly believe books should be affordable to as many Australians as possible, especially children.

I want cheaper books, I read a lot.

Linda Ryan
Melanie Walley-stack
Sally Anderson
Deirdre Wild
Sandra Bors
Helen Hamilton-James
Andrew Tarte
Aaron Youngnickel
Gregory Free

THank you for this. It is difficult to understand that a government of the people, for the people is unable to see the benefit of having cheaper books for all. Surely this would aid in increasing literacy - making books more available to those who may not afford them. Isn't increasing knowledge within our communities a core policy direction of this government?

Christopher Highman
Di Pini
Shelley Miller
Penny Jones
Sally Robinson
Kathryn Lim
Jenny Miller
Julian Clark
Anne Mcdonnell
Kristy Sedlarczuk
Elektra Hajdu
Kate Jeffrey
Donna Robinson
Andy Gordon
Wayde Nash
Kelley Daley
Jillian Bowker
Nicole Harrison
Brian Hill
Vicky Waistell

Would be good if this applied to DVD and Blu-ray movies too

Karen Stubberfield
Aimee Bates
Nikki Williams
Lori Cairns
John Huntley
Michael Ridout
Tony Gavin
Jeremy Sylvester
Aris Johar
Alyshia Stiffle
Catherine Gierak
Kylie Batina
Nicole Barnett
Matthew Deighton
Matthew Clarkson
Nikki Stagg
Prue Mackenzie
Robert Manning
Brian Twomey
Danielle Stones
Frank Dawson
Mark Knox
Kate Hall

Bookshops in Australia may benefit by less people importing books via overseas internet sites

The printed word needs all the help it can get!

Deborah	Leighton
Heidi	Valuks-walsh
Victoria	Sharpe
Bruno	Gallace
Shankar	Balasubramaniam
Nelson	Serrao
Alisha	Gray
Verica	Holm
Janelle	Barrett
Catheryn	Willis
Daveena	Thwaites
Sarah	Jackson
Lauren	Gatt
Elain	Richards