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Australian culture wins in book debate

Federal Member for Denison, Duncan Kerr MP, joined with Australian printers, publishers and authors to celebrate today's affirmation of Australia's parallel importation policy on books.

"The original reforms were designed to boost the local industry, which is so important to Australian culture," Mr Kerr said.

"The enduring classics of authors like Richard Flanagan, Tim Winton, Tom Keneally and Peter Carey would not have seen the light of day without a strong local book publishing industry.

Mr Kerr was Justice Minister under the Keating Government and responsible for copyright law when the parallel importation restrictions were last reviewed.

"These reforms have proven to be extraordinarily resilient, guaranteeing a fair deal for those Australian authors, publishers and printers.

The announcement was made today by Competition Policy and Consumer Affairs Minister Craig Emerson.

Minister Emerson confirmed the Government would make no changes to the current regulatory regime.

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