

Dear Minister,

I write as a young emerging writer and advent reader who wants future Australian's to have access to creative spaces and a wide range of books.

I support Books Create Australia's call for a National Plan for Books and Reading, particularly that every school (public and private) should be equipped with a staffed library, full funding of grants, fellowships, and creative organisations, better legislation and legal protections from the rampant thievery of AI by tech oligarchies and reinstating the funding of Writer's Victoria.

The issue I am most concerned about is the shrinking opportunities for publication, limited paid literary work. If people no longer create, future generations will have no stories to learn from. This matters because how can we take away our future children's rights to read and make a career for themselves in the writing world. Doing so is censorship.

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Books and reading deliver public benefits. I with the government's help we can make a real difference to the sustainability of Australian writing. It would give more authors the opportunity and support needed to create new work, and would help ensure Australian books are published, reviewed, stocked, borrowed, taught and read. For writers like me, this would mean a stronger chance of building a viable career and reaching readers. For the wider community, it would mean better access to Australian stories, ideas and knowledge, and a richer national literary culture.

Action now would help ensure Australian stories, ideas and knowledge are created, published, discovered, read and valued.

Kind regards,

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