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From: Clytie Siddall

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To: Committee, Reps (REPS)

Subject: Pls fwd to Parl. Cttee. on technology pricing

(I read the how-to-submit page but I'm very ill and found it confusing. I'm told you don't want people to give up because it's too hard, so I've sent my submission this way. I hope that's OK, and I apologize for any inconvenience. I can't handwrite or get stuff to the P.O. so online subs is my only avenue.)

I am a disabled person, with a progressive neurological disease. As you can imagine, I spend a great deal of time reading. Due to my disability, I am unable to read paper books (difficulty with the reflection off the page, difficulty holding books, difficulty turning pages). I read, and buy, a great many ebooks.

Just before Christmas 2011, international publishers Hachette and HarperCollins more than doubled their ebook prices for Australians. New popular fiction titles were hiked to nearly three times the new paperback price (ebooks over \$20, new paperbacks around \$7: prices from Amazon). Penguin and Macmillan have since followed suit.

This behaviour is not only illogical (ebooks cost a great deal less to produce than paperbacks do), it is also discriminatory. I am one of many disabled people in this country who are dependent on electronic text. Why should we pay more than twice as much as people do in the U.S.?

Thankyou for your time.

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