

Dear Ms Collins,
Thank you for a copy of the interim report from the IPCR.

After reading through it I am very happy with the direction being proposed with regards to the removal of restrictions on parallel importing of movies.

I think the committee has presented the arguments for and against in a reasonable way, and I am very happy with the proposals listed at the top of page 23 of the interim report.

Even though I agree with the general direction, I do feel that some form of exception for movies in their first theatrical release should exist. namely, parallel imports on DVD, VCD or VHS tape should not be permitted while a film is in its FIRST theatrical release. After the film has finished its first run in theatres, parallel imports should be allowed. This is the situation in New Zealand - back catalog items and older films can be parallel imported, while new first release material cannot. I think it is a fair compromise.

I look forward to reading the final report.

Kind regards,
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