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**Subject:** The Australian Copyright System.

I am a secondary media teacher with more than 15 years’ experience and am also a content creator.  
As a teacher, I routinely print and electronically share material with students in the classroom. It is integral to my teaching practice.  
The Educational Statutory Licence system makes my job easy. It is also reassuring to know that the people who create the educational content I use receive payment for their skill, time and effort.  
As a teacher, I take pride in delivering a superior learning experience for my students. Each class is different, so it would be rare for me to use exactly the same material year-in and year-out. I tailor the material to the challenges of each group of students.  
I understand a recommendation has been made to remove the current system and replace it with a combination of new arrangements.  
I strongly oppose any change to the current system that will create any further burden on my time. Teachers in Australia are burdened enough without any additional load.  
I **strongly** oppose any change to the current system that creates uncertainty about what I can and cannot share with my students.

I strongly oppose any change to the current system that takes away fair remuneration from the people who create high-quality Australian educational resources, many of whom are teachers, which I rely on and value highly.  
 **Most importantly, I am also a content creator - meaning that in the past, my own works have been used by teachers of other schools and I have suitably compensated for their use through the current copyright system.**

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