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**From:** Mike\_FitzGerald   
**Subject:** Objection to proposed changes to Copyright laws

To whom it may concern in the Australian Law Reform Commission,

I am a secondary teacher with more than 40 years’ experience.  As a teacher, I routinely photocopy, print, scan and electronically share material with students in the classroom.

The Educational Statutory Licence system makes my job easy. I can copy and share so much material, for about the quarter of the commercial cost of a textbook, and this facilitates my classroom practice. 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 which will not only increase my workload but will potentially disadvantage some of the authors of the works I use with my students.

I strongly oppose any change to the current system that will create any further burden on my time.

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 which I rely on and value highly. Many of these resources have been created by my fellow teachers whose precious time should be devoted to using and further developing these resources for our students and not wasted by onerous and ineffectual changes to existing copyright legislation.

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