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From: Dennis, Judy

Subject: Copyright system under review

Dear Review Committee

I am a secondary teacher with more than 30 years experience with the NSW DEC.

As a teacher, I routinely photocopy, print, scan and electronically share material with students in the classroom. And ONLY my students. I DO NOT on any account distribute materials to any others.

The Educational Statutory Licence system makes my job a little easier. 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.

I strongly oppose any change to the current system that will create any further burden on my time. Time that I would prefer to use in the education of my students than being constrained by the proposed new system.

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.

The Federal Government is looking to spend millions in improving the education of our children - the proposed changes will do little to assist in achieving this goal.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposed changes.

Regards

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