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**From:** HARRISON Brock   
**Subject:** Fair and sensible remuniration - copyright and copying educational material

ALRC,

I am a teacher with more than 10 years’ experience in a variety of urban, regional and rural primary & secondary schools. As a teacher, I routinely photocopy, print, scan and electronically share material with students in the classroom to enhance the learning experiences I offer.

The Educational Statutory Licence system makes my job possible. I can copy and share a wide variety of suitable 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 student and 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, unnecessary 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, many of whom are teachers, which I rely on and value highly.

It takes a village to raise an intelligent, well-read, caring, compassionate child. It’s a challenging task, please don’t make it unnecessarily harder for one of the most important people in that very valuable process - their teachers.

Sincerely,

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