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From: Nancy Macks

Subject: Response to proposed copyright changes.

 I am a secondary teacher with more than 20 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.

 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.

 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.

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