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**From:** Steven Herrick
**Subject:** re: submission to the THE ALRC REVIEW OF COPYRIGHT AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY – Education Statutory Licence Focus

Dear Inquiry,

I am an author of twenty-one books for children and young adults.

The Statutory licences that the ALRC is recommending be repealed are very important to me. If my work is copied and shared by teachers in the classroom, I receive a copyright payment from CAL, as I should. These payments are recognition of the value of my creative endeavour. My work is vital for education and I should be properly compensated for its use, as I am in the current scheme.

The current system works well for both writers such as myself and for the teachers who use our work.

If the proposed changes are passed, then I will have little chance of tracking down or prosecuting breaches.

I am a specialist in my field, I have little expertise in the intricacies of copyright law, nor the time to pursue breaches – no matter how concerned I am.

I completely reject the repeal of the very effective and fair Australian educational statutory licence system.

Such a recommendation is a personal attack on my rights.

Yours sincerely,

Steven Herrick