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To Whom it may Concern,

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Australia has a fair and efficient copyright system in place already, one that benefits both the user and the creator.

Changes in technology have already been taken into account by this system. There is no good reason to

erode or remove the rights of those who invest time, money and skills into creating material that others wish to use.

Even for schools, of the $10,000-$13,600\* it takes to educate a school student every year,  
less than $17 is spent on copied and shared content (and similar numbers apply to universities  
and TAFE). The new recommendations would reduce this and put the onus on creators to protect  
their rights and prove abuse. The Statutory Licence is supported by teachers who find its invisibility  
and ease of use beneficial in their working day, and by writers who do not otherwise have any recompense for the multiple uses of their work.

The Statutory Licence means there is neither misunderstanding nor illegal usage.

 It is a system worth maintaining and a system that fairly compensates writers each year for the

content we create. Most writers make very little money anyway, and to reduce this very limited income for no real benefit to anyone else, seems pointless.

Sincerely

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