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To Whom it May Concern,

I am a secondary teacher and a qualified librarian with more than 30 years’ experience across a broad spectrum of educational organisations and government positions.  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 material which otherwise would not be assessable to my students.  The current copyright laws facilitates my responsible classroom practice and benefits the education of our next leaders. It is 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. 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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