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Re: Australian Law Reform Commission’s review of copyright.

As a writer and publisher, I object strongly to proposed ALRC changes to the Copyright Act.

I have had the misfortune to have various works of mine misused by a former employer (a state government agency). These actities demonstrated the agency had no understanding of moral rights, of residual payments or of natural justice. The ALRC should be involved in strengthening the Copyright Act and ensuring it is enforced and not watered down.

The photocopiers, and other users of my works, should pay a fair proportion (of the cost of a book) for that usage.

My income is meagre enough without government efforts to further erode it. The Statutory Licence, among other things, must be retained or strengthened to provide a modicum of fairness to creative people.

Regards,

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