**Submission on the Australian Law Reform Commission Discussion Paper on Copyright**

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This submission has been completed by the Professional Officers and the Senior Executive of The Mathematical Association of New South Wales Incorporated (MANSW). MANSW has 1300 members throughout New South Wales. MANSW also provides material to non-members but at a slightly increased rate.

The flat rate paid by the education sector for their access to copyrighted content:

* It is a known amount and is easily budgeted for by each of the educational systems
* The Gonski Report estimate of the copyright fee being 0.1% of the cost of educating a child puts the fee in perspective
* Teachers do not have to make judgements about what is copyright and what is not
* Teachers do not have to make submissions to use copyrighted materials
* The survey system where randomly selected institutions are asked to complete a form is relatively simple and impacts infrequently on a particular institution.

MANSW is a not-for-profit organisation that provides inservice courses and printed materials for teachers and students. In doing that, MANSW tries to keep its prices for publications to a minimum level. The periodic payments that MANSW receives from the Copyright Agency Limited (CAL) has benefitted our organisation greatly and allowed us to continue to produce quality publications at a reasonable price despite the inroads attempted by commercial organisations.

MANSW heavily relies on various grants such as from the Professional Teachers Council of NSW and income from CAL. MANSW is always on the lookout for opportunities to increase those incomes as they are paramount in funding the various activities within our association. Therefore any decrease would have a detrimental effect on our functioning.

Any changes to the current situation would seriously affect our financial viability and could undermine the various parts of the great service that MANSW provides to the education sector. MANSW would like to recommend that no change be made to the statutory licence system.

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