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I am a secondary teacher with more than sixty years’ experience.  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 a great deal of material for about a quarter of the commercial cost of a textbook, and this facilitates my classroom practice.  It is also reassuring to know that the people who create the educational content I use receive payment for their skill time and effort. I tailor the material to the challenges and needs of each group of students instead of using the same material year in and year out.

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 would create any further burden on my time, or that creates uncertainty about what I can and cannot share with my students.  I also strongly oppose any change to the current system that takes away fair remuneration from the people who create high quality Australian educational resources.

Yours sincerely,

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