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To: Australian Law Reform Commission  
  
  
Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to discuss the proposed changes to the copyright system.

The current system should be retained as it is works well for both the user and the creator. It is both fair and effective.  
  
The fact that a statutory license exists for schoold etc makes sense and this law should remain in place as is in my opinion.

I really feel that the current system works well with no obvious reasons to change. There will be less opportunities for creatives to get paid and this will be a barrier to creativity in Australia and negatively effect the economy and creatives in general.

If the laws are changed the onus will be on me to take legal action to protect my work. As the majority of creatives tend to earn less than corporates say, this will be next to impossible to manage.   
  
Copyright actually allows the creative to exist and work. It doesn't discourage creativity it encourages it by giving the creative a light at the end of the tunnel to allow them to work and know that there is a good possibility of getting paid for it. Looking forward to getting remunerated for work helps to drive my passion for what I do.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this discussion and I hope that good sense prevails in the end decision.

**Matt McGowen**

**Music Composer**