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To whom it my concern,

I am a primary teacher with more than 3 years’ experience in teaching. 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 so much material, for about the 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. 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.

As a teacher we already put in an incredible amount of time and our own money to ensure the students we teach are catered for. This change will effect our teaching practice and also we will be expected to spend more of our pay on material.

Please do not change the current laws as it will decrease student outcomes and make our lives incredibly difficult.

Kind regards

***Kerryn Woodhouse***