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Dear Sir/Madam,

The Legal Studies Association of NSW does not support the repeal of statutory licences in pts VA and VB of the Copyright Act. While we recognise the need to ensure flexibility and efficiency in protection of copyright, voluntary licensing arrangements may not support payment to owners of copyright material which is copied beyond the fair use provisions which exist in the copyright Act.

Of particular concern is the diffuse nature of educational providers across the public sector, religious and independent authorities which includes schools which range from small schools to large institutions. The ability of some of these schools to have in place process to pay for copyright material beyond fair use is questionable.

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