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* I am a P-12 Educator with more than 16 years’ experience.
* 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 quality materials that facilitate my classroom practice and result in quality educational outcomes for students.
* 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 confusion and complication with regard to processes and therefore add to time already spent on preparation and use of resources.
* 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.

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