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***By email:*** ***info@alrc.gov.au***

Dear Sirs

**COPYRIGHT AND THE DIGITAL ECONOMY (DP 79)**

I am writing  on behalf of the Flexible Learning Advisory Group (FLAG) concerning the Australian  Law Reform Commission’s (ALRC) enquiry into Copyright and the Digital Economy.

FLAG made a submission in response to the ALRC’s Issues Paper #42 in November 2012.

FLAG continues to support a view that:

* The current  Australian educational statutory licences should be revoked (to be replaced by voluntary commercial  licences and copyright exceptions) and
* A new ‘fairness’ based exception should be introduced into Australian copyright law permitting limited free additional copying of content by Australian education and training providers

FLAG  is also  supportive of the submissions made to the ALRC by the Copyright Advisory Groups for TAFE and Schools.

Please contact me if you require further information about  this advice.

regards

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