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 **From:** Brook Martin
**Subject:** Strongly opposing the ALRC proposed changes to copyright law

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to strongly protest the proposed changes to Copyright Law, specifically, the repeal of statutory licences that currently allow education and government use of copyright content in return for fair payment to writers, artists and publishers.

The Dominie Group was originally started in 1951 by my grandfather, Owen Martin. He was a Primary School Principal who could not find quality educational resources to help him in the classroom. He wrote numerous books and published them himself. He then encouraged other educational authors to do the same and started to publish and distribute their quality creations.

For over 60 years, Dominie has been publishing uniquely Australian educational resources. These have been created by a wide range of talented authors. If the proposed changes go though, nearly all our authors will no longer be able to rely on being an author as their sole income.

Not only is it grossly unfair that the authors will not be paid a fee for their works to be copied, it will also create a situation where there will be very few people who will financially be able to spend their time creating these education works.

From the publisher point of view, our industry is already in crisis. We have had a record number fr Suppliers that we deal with, go into voluntary administration in the past twelve months. To remove copyright payments to authors and publishers will definitely result in people losing their jobs as publishers struggle to stay afloat.

The proposed changes are unfair to the creators of the educational works. The changes will create certain job losses within the Australian educational publishing industry. The changes will mean there will be very limited Australian-created educational resources going forward. No one will become an educational author if their work could be copied free of charge.

Please consider the serious cultural and financial hardships you will create for many people, if you move forward with these changes.

Kind Regards,

Brook Martin