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**Subject:** Copyright and Educational Use

Dear Law Commission members,

I am concerned that proposed changes to copyright will affect educational outcomes.

I am a secondary teacher with eight years' experience and before that I was a geophysicist for 15 years. Teaching is a much more demanding profession with a considerable amount of after-hours and weekend work!

I routinely photocopy, print, scan and electronically share material with students in the classroom.

The Educational Statutory Licence system means that authors receive payment and it frees me from some of the administrative burden of negotiating directly with each of them. **In three of my courses I am the only teacher who is teaching that course.** There is no-one else to do the negotiating for me!

I constantly seek to improve and tailor the material I use to teach my students. I do this to motivate them, inspire them, and cater for their particular needs. If the administrative burden is increased then compromises will need to be made.

  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.

Yours faithfully,

Stewart Dennis