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Dear Sir/Madam,

                I am a primary and secondary teacher with more than 20 years’ experience teaching in the general classroom and music teaching.

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 so much material, for about the quarter of the commercial cost of a textbook, and this facilitates my classroom practice.

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 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.

It would be unfortunate to see an obstruction to the development of these innovative resources in the future.

I oppose any changes that would see a severe administrative burden to myself and my colleagues.

Yours sincerely,

            Tracy Rogers