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**Subject:** Chairman's letter

I am no longer a professional writer but still prepare educational documents for individual teachers and seminars. While seminar participants are paying attendance fees, and therefore contributing to the intellectual input of seminar providers, I am still amazed at the level of distribution of material post seminar and the number of teachers who wants documents for free even though they did not attend a seminar.

I’m not sure where this fits into your letter, but if the proposed legislation suggests that everything that goes on-line is of equal value when it is disseminated then the flat Earth theorists have defeated the astronomers.

The dumbing down of the Australian electorate, as seen in the abuse of Julia Gillard and the asylum seeker issue, will only be enhanced if intellect is not given its due regard.

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