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Ms Helen Daniels
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Dear Ms Daniels

The Australian Federation of Disability Organisations (AFDO) is the peak body representing organisations of people with disability.

As you are aware, RBS.RVIB.VAF Ltd, Blind Citizens Australia and Round Table on Information Access for People with Print Disabilities Inc have prepared a submission identifying opportunities to improve the copyright environment. The submission aims to enhance the ability of Australians with a print disability to take advantage of fair use provisions to access information.

AFDO strongly endorses the position taken in the paper and urges the Government to favourably consider a revision to copyright legislation in line with the recommendations it contains.

This review may be the most significant opportunity in generations to enshrine within legislation the rights of Australian citizens who have a print disability to access content on an equal footing with sighted Australian citizens. We strongly recommend that this opportunity not be wasted.

Legislation needs to reflect the right of individuals to participate fully in all aspects of society, including employment, education and recreation. Reform is also timely to make the legislation more relevant in the emerging digital world in

order to take full advantage of the opportunities this creates for Australians with a print disability.

Please contact me if you wish to discuss this issue in more detail by telephoning (03) 9662 3324.

Yours sincerely

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