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## Independent schools welcome copyright reform

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has welcomed the passing of the *Copyright Amendment (Disability and Other Measures) Bill 2016* and the reforms it will deliver.

ISCA executive director Colette Colman today said that, “The Turnbull Government and Minister Fifield are to be commended for implementing these important reforms. The modernisation of copyright law will bring profound benefits to Australian schools, enabling students to receive the benefits of a digital education, while protecting the interests of copyright owners.

Ms Colman went on to say that, “Of particular importance is the improved access to copyright materials for students with a vision, hearing or intellectual disability; as well as allowing schools far greater access and flexibility in the use and replication of copyrighted materials in classrooms and libraries. These will help provide students with the tools they need to be fully equipped for the demands of an innovative digital workforce.”

ISCA has been working for some time with other education organisations to encourage enhancements to copyright laws that would simplify and modernise the system, allow greater access to material for students with disability, and remove some long-existing anomalies relating to schools.

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