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Independent schools welcome moves to extend copyright reforms

The Independent Schools Council of Australia (ISCA) has today welcomed the introduction of the *Copyright Amendment (Service Providers) Bill 2017* which will extend safe harbour provisions in the Copyright Act to schools.

ISCA executive director Colette Colman today said that, “The Turnbull Government and Minister Fifield are to be commended for listening to the concerns of the education sector and extending this important aspect of copyright reform to schools. 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.”

Safe harbour reform will simply mean that Australian schools will receive the same legal protections as commercial internet service providers, when they provide internet access to staff and students. This is critical to Australian schools being able to deliver the best education for Australian students in the internet age.

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