

Clear Language on Fair Dealing will make long awaited Copyright Bill more Balanced

Toronto, September 29, 2011 – Access Copyright is pleased that the Government has again shown its commitment to modernizing Canada’s Copyright Act. The *Copyright Modernization Act* is an important and necessary piece of legislation that has been long anticipated.

Access Copyright is concerned that as currently drafted some of the new exceptions in the bill, including the expansion of fair dealing to cover education, would have serious implications for Canada’s publishing industry and drastically reduce revenues on which creators and publishers depend for their income and continued investments.

“Access Copyright is encouraged by Heritage Minister James Moore’s commitment to ensure through the legislative process that the bill’s wording delivers the government’s stated policy objectives and we look forward to working with Minister Moore, Industry Minister Christian Paradis, and the legislative committee to support amendments to the bill’s fair dealing language,” said Maureen Cavan, Executive Director, Access Copyright. “Clear language will create a balanced solution that will benefit the needs of both consumers and content creators.”

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