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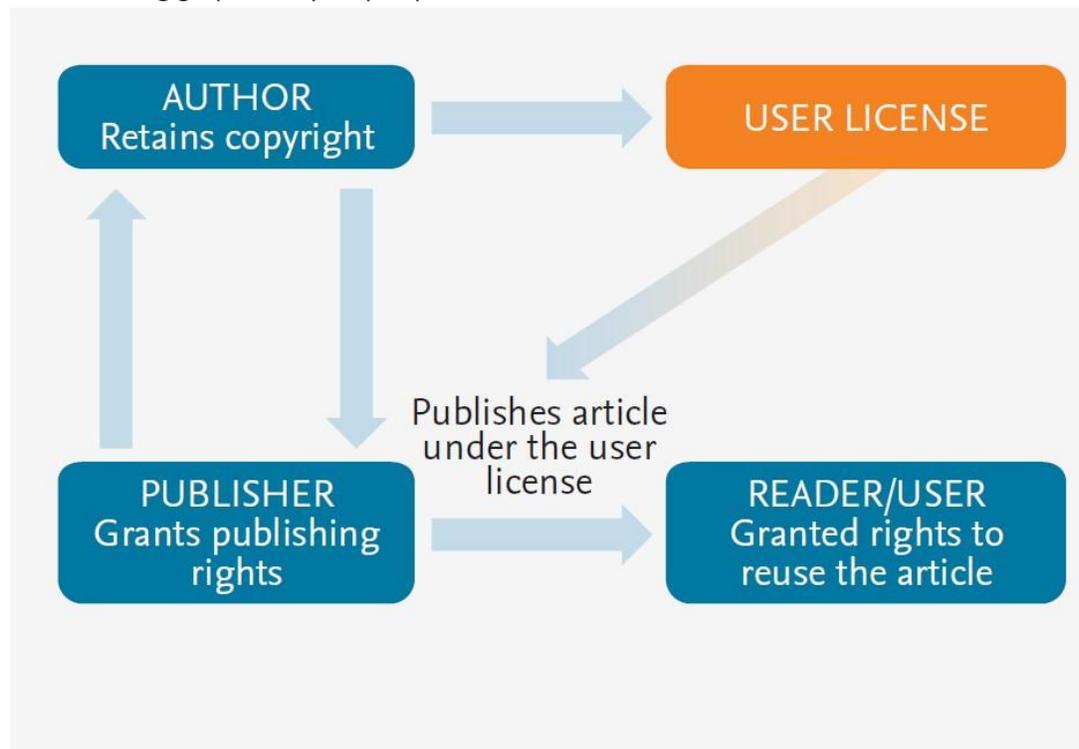
**Re: AOASG response to Productivity Commission Intellectual Property Arrangements, Draft report.**

We read with interest the submissions made by a range of stakeholders to the PC IP arrangements draft report. Elsevier is a member of the Australian Publishers Association, which submitted a response [here](#). Notwithstanding our support for APA’s submission, we thought it would be helpful to write separately to the PC to clarify an issue raised by the Australasian Open Access Strategy Group (AOASG) in [its submission](#).

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