

## **Right to Repair Submission**

When I began my law degree about 5 years ago, I bought a Lenovo laptop that I thought had sufficient memory for the work I wished to do. It was light and compact for carrying around the University. Recently, my lap top has crashed while trying to download Microsoft updates. Ironically, I cannot download the updates because there is insufficient free memory, but because I cannot download the updates, it will not allow me to free up the necessary memory.

My techno wiz husband has been working on the issue for weeks. Finally he decided he needed to open the laptop and install a larger memory on the hard drive. However, when he opened up the laptop, he found the motherboard had been soldered to the hard drive in such a manner that it was impossible to upgrade the memory.

I am a very environmentally conscious person – I am completing a PhD on sustainable development and climate change. It now appears I will just have to throw out my laptop and purchase a new one. My concern is less with the fact that it will cost me money to replace a laptop that was working perfectly well for what I required it for, and more for the fact that I will be now contributing unnecessarily to e-waste.

I believe this is an example of deliberate obsolescence.