

14 March 2005

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Dear Sean,

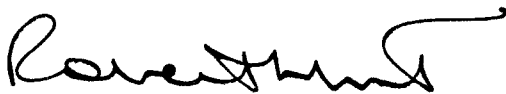
Re: Patents and Experimental Use – Options Paper Response

I refer to your invitation to Medicines Australia and its members to comment on the options paper issued by ACIP covering Patents and Experimental Use. We note the due date was the 28<sup>th</sup> of February and wish to express our thanks for the extension for us to respond until today.

It is the view of our members that our initial position on this issue that experimental use should be encompassed within the exclusive rights of a patent owner still stands as our overall preferred position.

Given, however, ACIP's desire for respondents to stay within the options proposed our members position would be to favour option B – No Change.

Yours sincerely



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