

Dear Ms Carroll

I am replying with respect to an Issues Paper entitled "Patents and Experimental Use" which was forwarded to me from Securrency Pty Ltd (our sister company) for comment. I look after Intellectual Property issues for Securrency, Note Printing Australia Limited and the Reserve Bank of Australia.

Our area of research concentrates on the security of banknotes and other security documents. It covers both overt and covert features. We have in excess of 40 primary patents and about 350 secondary patents lodged in excess of 30 countries.

I am aware of the Experimental Use concept, although not aware of the intimate details with respect to countries outside of Australia/New Zealand. Nevertheless, to date we have never had cause to be concerned with this concept in our business. I can understand how it would be an issue in the pharmaceutical industry.

I have no further comment on the issue at this stage, although I thank you for the opportunity to read your extensive paper.

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