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Newsletter #44 – Good news from Canada and a complaint to the Reserve Bank.

Welcome to our 44th newsletter. Here is a link to [previous newsletters](#).

Fellow money reformers in Canada have been battling through the courts to ["Reinstate" the Bank of Canada](#). They want the Bank of Canada to provide interest-free loans to the federal, provincial, and municipal governments, *as provided for* in the Bank of Canada Act. They have won the right to take the case

On the 26th of January, 2015, the latest appeal on behalf of the Crown to have the case dismissed was rejected by three judges in Federal Court in Toronto. The Federal government now has 60 days to appeal the decision to the Supreme Court.

We mailed [a letter of complaint](#) to the Governor of the Reserve Bank regarding the misleading advice provided to the Broadcasting Standards Authority. [The Bank responded](#) saying they will follow up on our complaint although, surprisingly, they will contact the Authority only **after** the BSA has made its ruling. We have asked the BSA to delay its ruling until after the Reserve Bank makes its ruling and they will consider our request this week.

Claire Matthew's a banking and financial planning expert from Massey University's Business School, commented on the [TSB setting rates for 10 years](#). Claire made the comment during her article that "Consider, also, that when a customer repays a loan, the bank needs to find someone else to lend that money to. In the meantime the money is not generating any income for them. So, this new 10-year fixed rate enhances home loan customer retention for TSB - at the cost of flexibility for the customer."

A supporter of ours questioned this understanding of banking as the 'loanable funds' model which was discredited in the Bank of England's paper "Money creation in the modern economy, published in its Quarterly Bulletin, Q1 2014.

When our supporter approached Massey University's Vice Chancellor to question the teaching of an incorrect theory he was told that the university, under statute, cannot interfere with what is taught. Even so what is being taught needs to be accurate.

During February we also:

- Did a presentation to the Rodney Green Party in Auckland.
- Posted [an article by the Guardian](#). It starts off comparing the terms demanded of the Greek government to those offered to the banks.
- [Ons Geld in Holland](#) launched in cooperation with the theatre group De Verleiders a Citizens' Initiative to put money creation on the political agenda. Within 28 hours the goal of 40,000 signatures was reached and the Dutch parliament will debate money creation.
- Posted an [audio interview](#) with Jesse Hermans, a board member of Fair Money Australia. Jesse is 18 years old and he participates in our weekly spokespersons Skype call. The interview starts at the three minute mark and goes for about 25 minutes

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- Posted a link to [a 15 minute interview with Dan Davies](#) a former Swiss banker about the HSBC banking scandal on Kim Hill's programme.
- Posted a 4 minute clip from the Guardian newspaper in London titled "[Another economic crash is coming. How did this happen?](#)"
- Maori TV returned the two DVD's of "The Secret of OZ" along with an article from New Zealand Investor and the first seven pages of the IMF Paper. Sue wrote to them in November of 2012 after they said they would consider showing it. There was no covering letter with the returned DVDs.

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