



Commercial Manager

BELOW IS THE LIES AND DECEIT orchestrated by these two fraudsters;

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- The actual number of these types of customer warranty claims arising involving fraud is far higher.
- But because there is enough supporting documentation provided to WIKIFRAUDS to fill a room only the most preposterous examples are detailed here.

FRAUD 1. Declined warranty claim because Woodward was emphatic that Serene don't make faulty heaters...

...but he was caught out, turns out he knew the product fault existed all along.

PRODUCT: 400x Serene S2024 wall panel heaters

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, ex factory January 2016 as well as New Zealand stock, May 2016

SOLD BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, June – August 2016 CUSTOMER: University of Tasmania, Hobart and Launceston TAS

BACKGROUD

- 1. Serene Australia's largest single order to date. 400x panel heaters for the Universities new dormitories in Hobart and Launceston.
- 2. The heater model has a Serene 10-year warranty.
- 3. The following winter from when they were installed, the Uni claims that all the heaters are making loud banging noises when they were switched on.
- 4. All heaters are required to be re-worked because of what turns out is a known Serene design flaw in the element.

OUTCOME

- 5. Serene Industries Ltd denied there was anything wrong with the heaters, despite the Directors personally verifying the customers complaint as valid.
- 6. Serene Australia personally re-worked the 400x heaters at a cost of \$30,000 over 3 weeks.
- 7. There was no support whatsoever from Serene Industries despite there being contractual obligations to support any Serene Australia claim higher than 11% failure rate.
- 8. Yet this failure rate was 100% and the product had a 10 year warranty and the warranty support was zero.

COMMENTS OBTAINED from a the Sales Director of Serene Heating Australia Pty Ltd between 2015 - 2017.

"We secured an order in mid-2016 to supply the 400x panel heaters for the two new dormitory blocks for the University of Tasmania in Hobart and Launceston." "This was the largest order for Serene Australia to date and Christopher Woodward was very pleased."

"There were so many units required that we had to also purchase them from the Serene Industries stock in New Zealand."

"As this was the first sale of this model Serene heater for us in Australia, we had no prior experience with it, however we had heard rumours from New Zealand that there had been some issues with this series of panel heaters being excessively noisy."

"The heaters were supplied and installed just fine but then came the following early winter 2017 and it didn't take long before we received the call from the University that the installed heaters were noisy - they made a loud banging noise as the elements heated up - and every single one of them had the same issue."

"I went to check it out, and sure enough they were noisy as they heated up and cooled down. The remedy was quickly determined straight forward but considering 400x heaters needed to be reworked there would be around 3 weeks task for one person at significant cost."

"These heaters have a 10 Year Serene warranty, however when we sought cost contribution under the endemic failure provisions of our Australian trade agreement. **Christopher Woodward retorted via multiple communications:**"

"I don't know why you guys place so much importance on quality. Leave all product quality and procurement to me."

"Every shipment is pre-checked and Serene engineering is among the best in the world."

"Serene heaters are not noisy"

"Serene does not and has never made noisy heaters."

"Any noise is standard for a panel heater"

"All panel heaters make noise."

"You are the only person in all of this industry who has this problem"

"I am at the realisation it is actually you who cannot handle customers."

"The problem is that your biggest panel customer are all just drunk University students."

"I am a 45 year veteran of this business. I am older than you, I am much more experienced than you."

"You have no experience in manufacturing"

"The heaters are not noisy and Serene Industries are not paying anything"

"Your harping on about poor quality is becoming intolerable, much more and I am considering terminating you."

"We did go to TAS and reworked every heater at Serene Australia's cost - it was a massive 3 week job costing our company circa \$30,000 - but we stood by our products and got the remediation done."

"Time went on and nearly a year later and by absolute pure chance I was visiting in an electrical wholesaler in New Zealand and spotted the same model S2024 panel heater on the merchant's shelf with a purple sticker on it (depicted).

"This sticker was advising that for winter 2018 Serene Industries was proud to announce that they have solved all prior issues with the noisy elements."





"I confronted the Serene New Zealand staff with this for which they quickly handed me a Serene Industries service bulletin published in 2015 (2.5 years prior) detailing the procedure for all service personnel to fix the noisy elements in both the S2024 and S2025 model heaters."

"I immediately sent my discovery to Christopher Woodward in a message headed: **The Definition of Perpetual Lies and Deceit!**"As is consistent with Christopher Woodward anytime that he is confronted with being caught out like this - the only reply I got from him was "your nonsense is noted".

"This outcome was just absurd. After continuous pressure by Woodward to sell Serene product - this was the largest single order ever for all of Serene Australia." "Yet the product was guaranteed for an absurd 10 years - yet the product failure rate was 100% - and the product support from Woodward was zero."

"What started as the largest flagship project order for Serene Australia – instead became the start of the most absurd and futile bullshit that I have ever seen in my life."

"It was through a myriad of these sorts of issues that the Serene Australia Directors finally just terminated on the spot their association with Woodward / Serene Industries and walked out, writing off well in excess of a million dollars in the process."

FRAUD 2. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: 2x Serene S2088 bathroom fan heaters
SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, December 2015
IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, January 2017
RESELLER: Heatco Australia, Melbourne VIC, mid-2019

CUSTOMER: Val Roche. NSW

BACKGROUD

- 1. This customer purchased 2 Serene S2088 bathroom fan heaters in 2018, these both stopped working in 2019.
- 2. The model has a Serene 10 Year warranty.
- 3. The customer filed a warranty claim with Serene Australia and were quickly advised by Christopher Woodward in Hong Kong that Serene has never had a business or products in Australia and that these products are illegal counterfeits sold via a dodgy internet trader and there is no warranty support available.
- 4. However Woodward offered to sell the customer their replacement heaters.
- 5. Woodward also recommended that this customer report their dangerous counterfeit Serene product to the small claims

OUTCOME

- 6. The Serene Australia Directors shipped to this customer 2 replacement heaters sourced from the Serene New Zealand office.
- 7. The faulty heaters were returned to Serene New Zealand and were accepted for return/credit in full.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

"I purchased 2 x Serene S2088W bathroom fan heaters that have a 10 year warranty. Both of them are not working. The units glow brightly and spark before fading out to nothing."

"I have attached a copy of the reply email from a Christopher Woodward of Serene Industries which was received in answer to my warranty claim to Serene Australia office. "Christopher Woodward is asking for me to pay for the warranty replacements as he says the products were not made by Serene Industries and are illegal counterfeits"

"In one breath Mr Woodward states these heaters have never been offered to Australia nor do they even comply with Australian standards." "Next he is offering me fully compliant and certified replacements for Australia, but only if I am happy to buy them"

"I don't envy your position and I imagine your legal team will enjoy a veritable field-day in court with this odd character Christopher Woodward, who seems hell-bent on going down and taking everyone with him in his wake! Poor you!!!"

"May I ask how many other disappointed customers, (apart from myself), have been disregarded and rudely refused assistance, (apart from trying to SELL me replacements), from Mr. Christopher Woodward?

"If my heaters are not genuine then they are absolutely flawless copies and I think there are some really bad things going on with Serene Industries."

"Perhaps Mr. Woodward is cutting costs to an extreme, and while the outer heater casing looks very swish and elegant, I think the innards are full of bargain-basement trash—short lived at that."

"Thank you for the replacement heaters which arrived on Friday afternoon. We appreciate all the trouble you have gone to help us through this."

"I do feel that you people representing Woodward's products have been duped bigtime and I am sorry."

Dear Mrs Roche.

Thank you for contacting me. I regret that we are unable to assist you however.

Serene Industries Ltd has no relationship with this grey market on-line company for which you purchased the product and we have received several claims about products they have sold.

For some time they have been offering our products and duping buyers into believing that they have some relationship with Serene implying that these products are covered by our warranty, which of course they are not.

Serene Industries did not sell this product to this company and as we sell to many countries around the world we have no knowledge of the origin of your heaters or whether these were even sold new.

The units do not even comply with Australia electrical standards and could well be unsafe to use.

We do not offer this model to the Australian market, nor do we offer any warranty to product of unknown origin purchased on the internet in Australia by a party that we have no relationship.

I am sorry to say that you have learned an expensive lesson regards dealing with dodgy online retailers.

As a matter of course we will pass your communication to the Australian regulator. Hopefully they will take action that may prevent others from being duped by this disreputable operator.

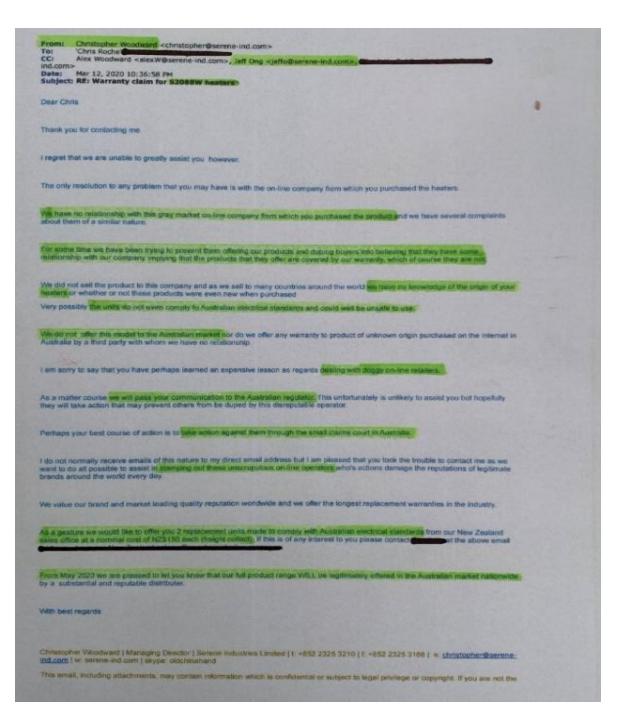
Perhaps your best course is to take action against them through the small claims court in Australia.

I am pleased that you took the trouble to contact me as we want to do all possible to stamp out these unscrupulous online operators who's actions damage the reputation of legitimate brands around the world.?

We value our brand and market leading quality and reputation worldwide and we offer the longest replacement warranties in the industry.

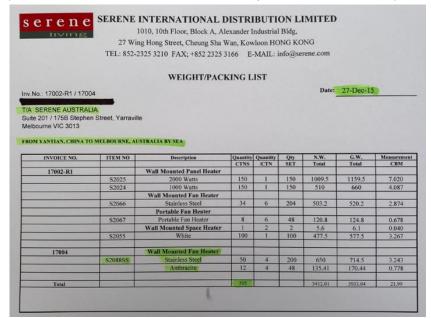
As a gesture we would like to offer you 2 fully Australian compliant replacements from our New Zealand sales office at a cost of NZD\$150 each + shipping.

With best regards Christopher Woodward, MD Serene Industries Ltd



SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. The Serene Industries shipping information that originated this precise item into Australia in 2015/2016.
- 2. The Serene safety compliance certification as published by Serene confirming it has always been designed for and met Australian safety standards (The certification is even issued in Australia, by Australians for Australia)
- 3. The 2016 Serene Australia product supplied by Christopher Woodward.











FRAUD 3. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene S2088 bathroom fan heater SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd. January 2016

IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, December 2016 RESELLER: Heatco Australia, Melbourne VIC, mid-2019

CUSTOMER: Robert Flood, NSW

BACKGROUD

- 1. The customer purchased a Serene bathroom fan heater in 2019 that stopped working in 2019. The heater had 10 Year Warranty.
- 2. They filed a warranty claim with Serene Australia and were quickly advised by Christopher Woodward in Hong Kong that Serene has never had a business or its products in Australia and that the products are illegal and dangerous counterfeits sold by a reseller company called "Heatco" that Serene has never dealt with.
- 3. There was no warranty support available.
- 4. Serene Industries also recommended that this customer report his dangerous counterfeit Serene product to the safety regulator.

OUTCOME

- 5. The Directors ended up shipping to this customer a replacement heater sourced from the Serene New Zealand office.
- 6. The faulty heater was returned to Serene New Zealand and was accepted for full credit/return.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

"I have just received an email from the tenants at the property where we installed this Serene bathroom heater. They said that it caught fire." "Are you able to tell me what we need to do to obtain a warranty replacement heater. I have attached the original invoice."

"As per your email I emailed Christopher Woodward at Serene to find out about obtaining a warranty and below is the email I received in response from Serene Industries."

Dear Mr. Flood.

Thank you for your email addressed to our managing director.

Serene Industries Limited has no connection or business with the company HeatCo that you mention.

We understand that they are an Australian company that sells products on the internet. It seems that they obtain product on the 'grey' international market and resell in Australia.

We have never had any dealings with this company, they are not an unauthorized reseller of our products or user of the Serene brand and trademarks.

The heater you purchased from them was not purchased from Serene Industries Limited or has it ever been intended to be sold in Australia.

Serene operates in many markets but we do not sell this model in Australia. The heater that you purchased may well not meet Australian electrical standards and could be dangerous to use.

As such the product that you purchased carries no Serene warranty.

I regret that Serene Industries Limited is unable to assist you and we suggest that you report the matter to the Australian regulator.

With regards Jeff Wong

Serene - International Customer Service - Hong Kong

"Thanks for all the supporting information, yes please can we get a replacement heater moving ASAP as we have one very angry and disappointed owner." "Thanks for the replacement, the old one is here ready for collection."

"What on earth is going on at Serene?

Hi again,

As per your email dated Feb 6, I emailed Christopher Woodward at Serene to find out about obtaining a warranty and below is the email I received in response:

Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 2:00 PM Subject: RE: Invoice 00000832

To: Robert Flood

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With regards.

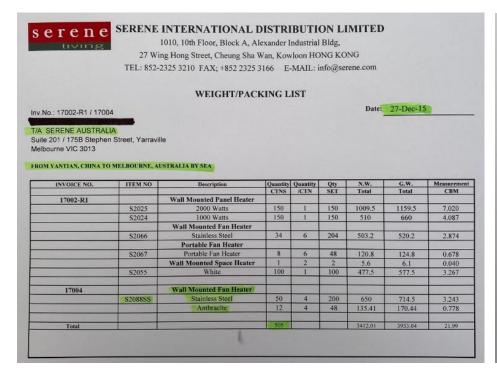
Jeff Wong

Serene - International Customer Service - Hong Kong



SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. Serene Industries shipping information that originated precisely this item into Australia in back in 2015/2016.
- 2. Serene compliance certification published online confirming it has always been designed for and met Australian safety standards (The certification is even issued in Australia, by Australians for Australia)







FRAUD 4. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene SLTR7SL heated towel rail SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, January 2016

IMPORTED / SOLD BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, October 2017

CUSTOMER: William Flynn, NSW

BACKGROUD

- 1. The customer purchased a Serene towel rail in 2017, with a 5 year warranty.
- 2. The unit stopped working in June 2020 and the customer filed a warranty claim with Serene Australia office.
- 3. The customer was quickly advised by Jeff Ong and Christopher Woodward in Hong Kong that Serene has never had a business and products in Australia prior to June 2020.
- 4. Further, they told the customer that this product could only be an illegal and dangerous counterfeit sourced from the "murky dark, grey net" that was not safety certified and was dangerous to use.
- 5. There was no warranty support available.

OUTCOME

- 6. The Serene Australia Directors ended up shipping to this customer a brand-new comparable towel rail (not Serene brand) and the old Serene rail was destroyed.
- 7. The customer intends reporting his story and Serene Industries Ltd / Woodward / Wong to Channel 9 and the ACCC.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

"I have a Serene heated towel rail that purchased 3 years ago in 2017 that has stopped working."

"This one has a 5 year Warranty and I see that Serene now publish a 20 Year warranty on these rails."

"I have filed a claim with Serene Australian office and have I have since been exchanging emails with a Jeff Ong and Christopher Woodward based at Serene Industries in Hong Kong. They are the people behind the present push by Serene Industries into the Australian Market."

"Woodward has told me that Serene products have only been available to Australian buyers for 4 weeks. (June 2020)"

"He has advised me that the rail I bought through from <u>SereneHeating.com.au</u> can only be an illegal and dangerous product sourced from the "murky dark, grey net". "Further he advises that no Serene towel rail has been designed or made compliant or intended for Australia prior to just 4 weeks ago."

"However......when I click on the original website link that purchased through 3 years ago I am taken straight to the Serene Industries website https://www.serene-ind.com/ and invited to buy product in Australia online."

"And as you can see from my PayPal receipt below, I paid PayPal and the merchant is Serene Heating Australia Pty Ltd via the same domain SereneHeating.com.au

"I did a bit of checking then asked Jeff Ong how it is possible that an imposter of Serene can:

- 1. Register a false Serene Heating Australia Pty Ltd as recorded by ASIC in Australia, that includes having Serene's owner Christopher Woodward of Hong Kong registered as a shareholder?
- 2. Then go and get an ABN as well as an Australian bank account in the company name, to be able to open a PayPal account to be transact my purchase?
- 3. Then, the despatch note I was emailed came direct from Mainfreight warehouse in Epping VIC with the same Serene Australia company details on it.

"What Mr Ong and Woodward are suggesting to me is that whoever I originally purchased my heated rail from has managed to conspire with ASIC, ATO, an Australian Bank, Telstra, PayPal and Mainfreight. Then they have managed to get perfectly counterfeit Serene Industries products into the Mainfreight warehouse in Melbourne and ship from there."

"I find all this incredibly hard to believe and this stretches Mr Woodward / Ong's story more than a little. I asked for their explanation but never got any reply from them."

"What a nightmare. I am of a mind to go to Current Affair on Channel 9"

"I can report that the new towel rail works fine. Thank you people for all your assistance, considering the difficulty that you people are having with Mr Woodward / Ong, you could have very easily just ignored my request for help".

"Now I am going to devote some effort to give Mr Woodward and Ong and Serene Industries a bit of attention - I'll definitely file a complaint to Consumer and ACCC for a start."

"From the very first reply from Jeff Ong I have had in the back of my mind.....that if in fact these claims by Woodward and Ong are true - that my sale was actually the work of an illegal network of Serene Industries imposters selling dangerous counterfeit Serene products – then it is wonder why after all these years that Mr Woodward or Mr Ong clearly have not filed their concerns with either ASIC, ACCC, Consumer, the product Safety Regulator or the Police?"

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

The invoice and shipping documents originating this precise item into Australia in early 2016, as well as the 2016 Serene Australia product catalogue.

Note that the commercial invoice confirms:

- (a) That Serene Australia purchased the product from and paid Serene Industries Ltd.
- (b) The product was shipped from Serene Industries direct to Australia
- (c) The compliance safety standard is the same as existing products sold in New Zealand.







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FRAUD 5. Product fire, customer reports product to the Choice Consumer advocacy - Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene S2088 bathroom fan heater SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd. January 2016

IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, December 2016 RESELLER: Heatco Australia, Melbourne VIC, April 2019

CUSTOMER: Eric Forbes, NSW

BACKGROUND

- 1. The Directors of Heatco Australia P/L were first contacted in August 2020 by an investigative journalist representing Choice Consumer Advocacy Australia.
- 2. Choice were seeking comment from Heatco regards a statement provided by Christopher Woodward of Serene Industries Ltd. This statement was in response to Choice's inquiry over this customer complaint made over their Serene heater that caught fire.
- 3. Despite Heatco Australia originally offering the customer a replacement heater, no warranty claim was ever made.

CHOICE Consumer Advocacy Australia;

"I'm an investigative journalist writing an article for CHOICE after speaking to a couple who bought a Serene heater in April last year that caught fire recently."

"It's a wall-mounted bathroom fan heater that is switched on and off via a pull cord. When they pulled the cord to switch the heater on, there was a big spark and smoke."

"They had to shut it down using the isolation switch at the switchboard. When an electrician uninstalled the heater, there were scorch marks under the cover."

"It was a Serene bathroom fan heater, model \$2088."

"I got in touch with Christopher Woodward, Managing Director of Serene Industries, about this story too. He had the following to say, if you'd like the opportunity to respond:"

Christopher Woodward's statement to CHOICE verbatim:

"Serene Industries Limited has only commenced business in Australia in the last six weeks (June 2020). The heater model you are describing was sold prior to that, in April - it was not manufactured for the Australian market."

"The product in question was sold by a business called "HeatCo" - Serene Industries Limited has no connection with HeatCo - Serene Industries Limited did not supply this product to HeatCo, and has never supplied any product to HeatCo."

"Our investigations have established that HeatCo is an internet trader which purchased products from outside Australia that are not designed or registered for the Australian market, then imported them into Australia and unlawfully resold them in Australia."

"As the product has been imported by HeatCo into Australia from elsewhere, was not manufactured for the Australian market and was unlawfully sold by HeatCo in Australia it does not carry a Serene warranty."

"The Serene model S2088 heater is one of the safest heaters on the market. In countries where it is lawfully sold (which did not include Australia until we began operations in your country 6 weeks ago and commenced lawfully selling heaters which are designed for the Australian market), the official product carries our 10 year full replacement warranty. We have no known issues with this product in any market where it is lawfully offered and it fully complies with all electrical regulations.

"Please note that we are in the process of taking legal action against HeatCo and its owner in both Australia and New Zealand on issues connected with the illegal sale of our products, use of Serene IP and infringement of copyright among other issues."

"We responded to Choice alright.....we sent Choice enough proof on Serene's prior history in Australia back to 2014 – enough to fill a room. – that poor journalist wouldn't have known what hit them."

From:Saimi Jeong <sjeong@choice.com.au>Sent:Tuesday, 4 August 2020 5:26 pmTo:HeatCo Australia I Customer SupportSubject:Re: Article about heater failure - fire danger

Hi Justin,

Thanks for your prompt response.

I got in touch with Christopher Woodward, Managing Director of Serene Industries, about this story too. He had the following to say, if you'd like the opportunity to respond:

"Serene Industries Limited has only commenced business in Australia in the last six weeks. The model you are describing was sold prior to that, in April. It was not manufactured for the Australian market. The product in question was sold by a business called "HeatCo". Serene Industries Limited has no connection with HeatCo. Serene Industries Limited did not supply this product to HeatCo, and has never supplied any product to HeatCo. Our investigations have established that HeatCo is an internet trader which purchased products from outside Australia that are not designed or registered for the Australian market, then imported them into Australia and unlawfully resold them in Australia."

"As the product has been imported by HeatCo into Australia from elsewhere, was not manufactured for the Australian market and was unlawfully sold by HeatCo in Australia it does not carry a Serene warranty."

"The Serene model S2088 heater is one of the safest heaters on the market. In countries where it is lawfully sold (which did not include Australia until we began operations in your country 6 weeks ago and commenced lawfully selling heaters which are designed for the Australian market) the official product carries our 10 year full replacement warranty. The failure rate of the S2088 heater even with its long warranty is less than 1.3 percent against an industry average of over 5% for fan heaters. We have no known issues with this product in any market where it is lawfully offered and it fully complies with all electrical regulations.

"Please note that we are in the process of taking legal action against HeatCo and its owner in both Australia and New Zealand on issues connected with the illegal sale of our products, use of our IP and infringement of copyright among other issues."

Regards, Saimi

What clearly illustrates Woodward's unhinged state of mind:

"Woodward recommended to this customer (plus others) that they should report their illegal Serene product to the Government Safety Regulators" ...so the customers have done exactly that, including this one to Choice Consumer advocacy.

"Then Woodward instructs his legal counsel in New Zealand to swiftly issue legal proceedings against the Serene Australia Directors that he claims:

- (1) Have been purporting to be an authorised Serene products distributor in Australia including the illegal use of Serene IP and Trademarks.
- (2) Have been selling counterfeit Serene products that were never even intended for, or made compliant for Australia.
- (3) Defamation as a result of the Directors making these numerous false statements to these investigative parties."

"However what is absolutely bewildering to these Regulatory parties including Choice Consumer is the realisation that;

- > The overwhelming mountain of Woodward's / Serene Industries prior history in Australia copied to them that goes way back to 2014.
- > Per 3. any investigation that has been initiated with an investigative third party was by the customer, not Serene Australia or Heatco, all at the recommendation of Christopher Woodward himself."

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. Heatco trade agreement to sell Serene products under Serene Australia + the Serene Australia 2016 season product catalogue.
- 2. The actual Serene Industries shipping information that originated this precise item into Australia back in 2015/2016.
- 3. Also included is the Serene compliance certification published online confirming it has always been designed for and met Australian safety standards (The certification is even issued in Australia, by Australians for Australia)









INVOICE NO.	ITEM NO	Description	Quantity	Quantity	Qty	N.W.	G.W.	Measuremen
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17002-R1		Wall Mounted Panel Heater						
	S2025	2000 Watts	150	1	150	1009.5	1159.5	7.020
	S2024	1000 Watts	150	1	150	510	660	4.087
		Wall Mounted Fan Heater						
	S2066	Stainless Steel	34	6	204	503.2	520.2	2.874
		Portable Fan Heater						
	S2067	Portable Fan Heater	8	6	48	120.8	124.8	0.678
		Wall Mounted Space Heater	1	2	2	5.6	6.1	0.040
	S2055	White	100	1	100	477.5	577.5	3.267
17004		Wall Mounted Fan Heater						
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FRAUD 6. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: 2x Serene S2088 bathroom fan heaters, both failed

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, January 2016

IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, December 2016 RESELLER: Heatco Australia, Melbourne VIC, mid-2018

CUSTOMER: Debbie Ferrie, NSW

BACKGROUD

- 1. The customer purchased 2x Serene bathroom fan heaters with a 10 year warranty in 2019. This stopped working months later in 2019.
- 2. Both were replaced FOC by Heatco Australia under warranty products ex NZ and the originals returned to Serene New Zealand for a full credit.
- 3. These replacements failed again in June 2021.
- 4. The customer filed a warranty claim with Serene Australia and were quickly advised by Jeff Ong (Wong) that this product was never intended for Australia, compliant for Australia, sold in Australia and was likely imported illegally via the grey market and likely did not meet compliance.

OUTCOME

- 5. Heatco Australia are now referring all Serene warranty claims directly to Serene Industries Ltd, because the safety compliances published by Serene/Woodward have been alerted as 3 years expired and are illegal.
- 6. The independent legal and technical advice provided to the Director of Serene Australia / Heatco Australia recommends that;
- (a) Cease immediately having anything whatsoever to do with Serene products they should cease being sold anywhere in the world.
- (b Cease immediately providing any ongoing replacements and support, even products supplied FOC under warranty this includes any consequence of riding roughshod over any obligations under Australian consumer law.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

"I emailed Serene office in Australia regards making a second warranty claim, and have received the reply below. Do I have the wrong company?"

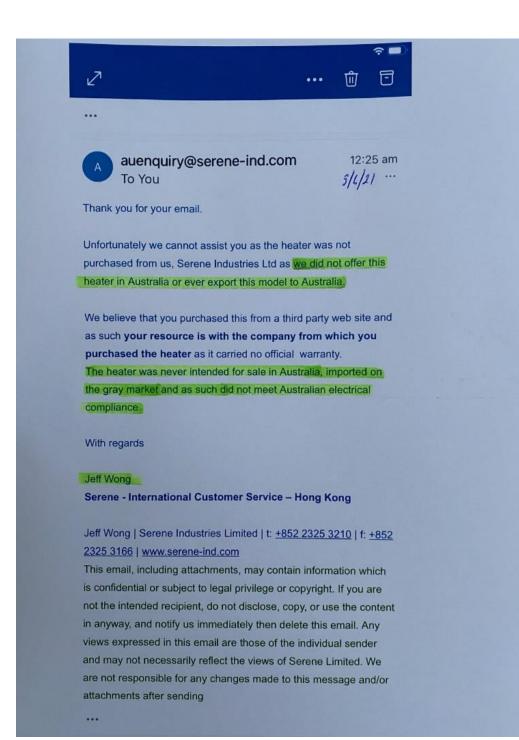
Thank you for your email.

Unfortunately we cannot assist you as this heater was not purchased from Serene Industries as we did not offer this heater in Australia, nor have we ever exported this model to Australia.

We believe that you purchased this from a third-party and as such you should contact this company from which you purchased the heater as we offer no official warranty.

This model heater was never intended for sale in Australia, it was imported to Australia on the grey market and as such did not meet Australian electrical compliance.

With regards Jeff Wong Serene - International Customer Service – Hong Kong





SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. Serene Industries shipping docs that originated this precise item into Australia in back in 2015/2016
- 2. Serene compliance certification published online confirming that it has always been designed for and met Australian safety standards, notwithstanding that this certification has since expired. (The certification is even issued in Australia, by Australians for Australia)
- 3. The 2016 Serene Australia product catalogue supplied by Woodward.







FRAUD 7. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene S2066 + S2088 bathroom fan heaters (both failed)

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, January 2016

IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, December 2016 RESELLER: Heatco Australia, Melbourne VIC, June 2018

CUSTOMER: Michael Burgess, NSW

BACKGROUD

- 1. The customer purchased a Serene S2066 fan heater with a 2 year warranty in 2018.
- 2. This stopped working in 2019 and was replaced FOC by Heatco under warranty with a better S2088 model carrying a 10 year warranty.
- 3. This S2088 replacement failed in June 2021.
- 4. The customer filed a warranty claim with Serene Australia and they were quickly advised there is no support because Heatco was never authorised to sell Serene products in Australia, and that neither heater models were made compliant for Australia or sold in Australia and these were likely imported illegally via the grey net

OUTCOME

5. Per Fraud 5. - Heatco Australia are now referring all Serene warranty claims directly to Serene Industries Ltd, because the safety compliances published by Serene/Woodward have been alerted as 3 years expired and are illegal.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

"I emailed Serene Australia regards this heater and they tell me:

"There is no warranty support because Heatco were never authorised to sell Serene products in Australia and that these products were never made for or compliant for Australia, and were likely imported via the illegal grey net.

"Do you have anything you could send me to show otherwise?"

"I find this hard to be believe as Heatco has already provided me with free replacement once already, and I see on the Serene website that the original heater model is offered by Serene online in Australia."

"Therefore irrespective of any differences between Serene and Heatco about online sales – by all accounts Serene should be honouring the warranty."

I see, thanks for all this supporting info. I will be reporting Serene Industries Ltd to the ACCC.

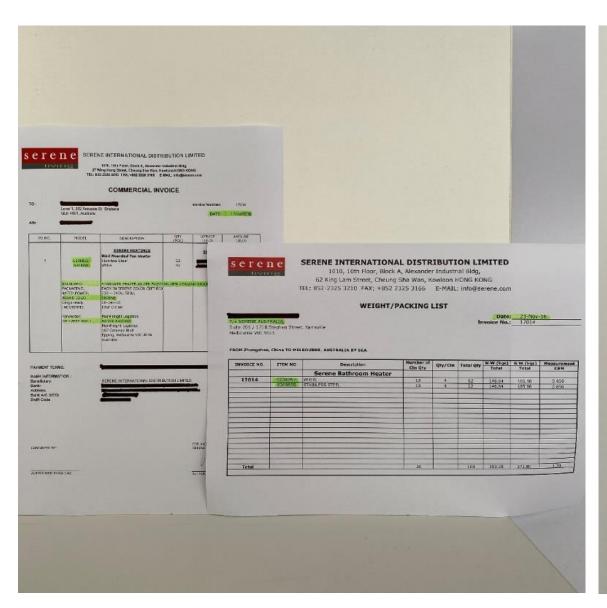
SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. The Serene Industries shipping docs that originated this precise item into Australia in back in 2015/2016.
- 2. Also included is the original Serene compliance certification published online confirming that it has always been designed for and met Australian safety standards, notwithstanding that this certification has since expired.

(The certification is even issued in Australia, by Australians for Australia)









FRAUD 8. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene S2025 wall panel heater

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, December 2015
IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, May 2016
RESELLER: AWM Electrical Wholesaler VIC, August 2016

BACKGROUD

- 1. AWM purchased a Serene S2025 panel heater in mid 2016.
- 2. Serene publish a standard 10 year warranty.
- 3. The heater failed in July 2020 and AWM filed a warranty claim with Serene Industries Australia office.
- 4. Serene Industries have declined the warranty claim citing the product was never even intended for, made compliant or released in Australia.

OUTCOME

5. This customer is left high and dry with no product support by Serene Industries.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

Hi Guys,

We sold one of your S2025 heaters back on the 8th November 2018. It's now been returned faulty could you please advise your warranty procedure for return/replacement. Our original PO number was 355-140869-0 back on the 9th August 2016.

Cheers Mark

Manager, AWM

Dear Mark,

We (Serene Industries Limited) did not operate in or ever offer this model heater into Australia*.

It must have come from a third party source who purchased the product from outside of Australia from an electrical wholesaler in, Europe or the UK. For warranty your recourse is to whoever supplied the heater to you.

I am sorry that I cannot assist re the warranty as we don't know the history of the product.

With regards Jeff Wong

Serene - International Customer Service - Hong Kong

^{*} From June 2020 the total Serene range is available throughout Australian directly from Serene Industries Limited - www.serene-ind.com

From: auenquiry@serene-ind.com <auenquiry@serene-ind.com>

Sent: Monday, 27 July 2020 2:06 PM

To: Mark Blake <mark.blake@mmem.com.au>

Subject: RE: Faulty Product S2025

Dear Mark

We (Serene Industries Limited) did not operate in or ever offer this model heater into Australia*.

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For warranty your recourse is to whoever supplied the heater to you.

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With regards

Jeff Wong

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From: Mark Blake <mark.blake@mmem.com.au>

Sent: 27 July 2020 11:03

To: AUenquiry@serene-ind.com Subject: Faulty Product S2025

Hi Guys,

We sold one of your S2025 heaters back on the 8th November 2018. Its now been returned faulty could you please advise your warranty procedure for return/replacement.

Our original PO number was 355-140869-0 back on the 9th August 2016. Cheers

Mark Blake Manager AWM Electrical & Data Supplies



SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. The Serene Industries shipping information that originated this precise item into Australia in back in 2015/2016.
- 2. Serene compliance certification published online confirming it has always been designed for and met Australian safety standards (The certification is even issued in Australia, by Australians for Australia)







FRAUD 9. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene S2088 bathroom fan heater

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, 2016

IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, December 2016 RESELLER: Heatco Australia, Melbourne VIC, August 2018

CUSTOMER: Warren Poland, NSW

BACKGROUD

- 1. Customer purchased a Serene S2088 fan heater in mid 2018, with a 10 year warranty.
- 2. This unit failed shortly after installation and it was replaced by Heatco via stock out of Serene New Zealand, the old one was returned for full refund.
- 3. The 2nd replacement heater failed in Sept 2021 and the customer filed a warranty claim with Serene Industries Australia office.
- 4. Serene Industries have since declined the claim citing the product was never intended for, made compliant or released in Australia.

OUTCOME

- 5. This customer is left high and dry with no support by Serene Industries.
- 6. Per Fraud 5, the directors of Serene Australia have received legal advice not to be involved at all with anything at all Serene Industries, including continuing to supply replacement product FOC, because of the expired compliances and dangerous safety record.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

This is the reply we got from Serene main office, I thought was interesting; A mate of mine bought a heater the exact same as mine five years early but it is a SKOPE brand and is still working. What is going on at Serene?

Thanks anyway for all your time spent on this, in lieu of Serene / Jeff Wongs position with us your help is greatly appreciated, but I can see what they are trying to do. We will source another product to replace this, we would never buy another Serene heater.

Regards Warren

Thank you for your email.

We are Serene Industries Limited we did not begin to operate in Australia until 2020.

The heater that you purchased was not designed for or sold by us to or for the Australian market.

It was imported on the 'grey' market by a third party and sourced from outside Australia.

Your recourse is with the company from which you purchased the product as it carried no official Serene warranty. I regret that we cannot assist you.

With best regards Jeff Wong Serene - International Customer Service – Hong Kong

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From: info@serene-ind.com

Date: 30 September 2021 at 7:46:30 pm AEST

To: ybigpond.com.au Subject: RE: Faulty heater

Thank you for your email.

We are Serene Industries Limited we did not begin to operate in Australia until 2020. The heater that you purchased was not designed for or sold by us to or for the Australian market.

It was imported on the 'grey' market by a third party and sourced from outside Australia.

Your recourse is with the company from which you purchased the product as it carried no official Serene warranty.

I regret that we cannot assist you.

With best regards

Jeff Wong

Serene - International Customer Service - Hong Kong

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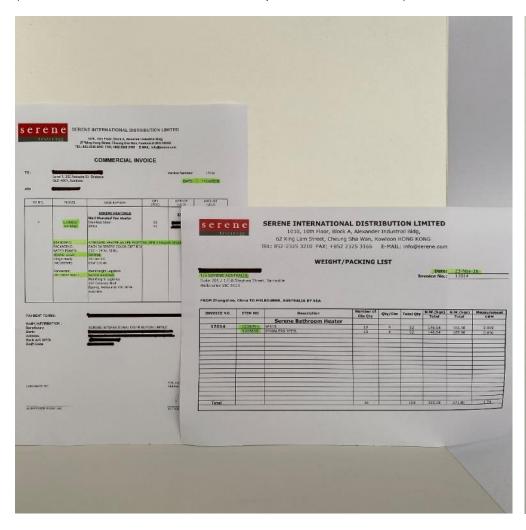
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

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10. PROOF OF FALSE STATEMENTS

made elsewhere by Christopher Woodward and Jeff Ong (Wong)

PRODUCT: Serene S6068 outdoor heater
SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, June 2016
IMPORTED / SOLD BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, July 2016

RESELLER: PowerPlus Electrical Wholesalers, Leeton NSW

BACKGROUD

- 1. Customer purchased a Serene 6068 Outdoor Infrared heater in mid-2016 with a 10 Year warranty.
- 2. They sought a spare part in July 2021 and made contact direct to Serene Australia office contact who in turn directed the shipment to the Hong Kong office.

OUTCOME

3. Serene Industries provided full product support without any objection whatsoever regards the Australian customers product's origin.

WIKIFRAUDS has sought comment from the directors of Serene Heating Australia P/L on this change in stance.

"We were inadvertently copied into these customers communication as we originally sold the product.

"The pendulum has swung the other way in this case, now Serene Industries are providing full product support in Australia for a sale transacted in 2016 - nearly 5 years ago."

"We immediately put Serene Industries and their legal counsel on notice requesting an explanation, but they offered no explanation except reaffirming their right to pursue us for damages for illegally representing these Serene products in the first place.

The only thing we can deduce from this:

- (a) In lieu of the list of mounting claims and angry customers, Serene Industries has changed their stance on previously denying its prior Australian business history.
- (b) or, the fact that this support request was made direct to the New Zealand office, Christopher Woodward and Jeff Ong simply weren't involved.

"Frankly, knowing Chris Woodward and Jeff Ong as we do, we would put our money on the latter."

"As we would expect, with any warranty claim presented to anyone else in Serene Industries – there is no exception to Australia – it has always been a normal function of Serene's business as long as anyone can remember, Australia just business as usual."

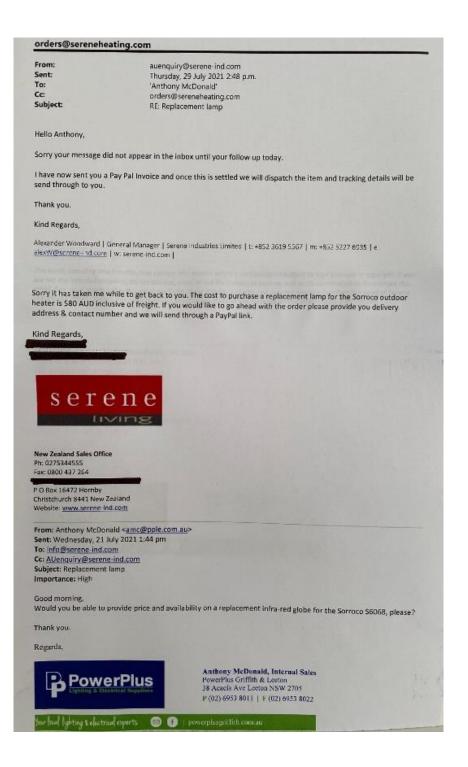
"The only reason that there is not an ounce of deceit in this case - is because this customer enquiry was managed correctly and professionally by reasonable people."

"Reiterating prior comments, this is a textbook example of when you remove these two idiots Woodward and Ong (Wong) from any transaction, Serene is actually a good business."

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

This is the actual correspondence to the customer.

Included is the original shipping docs that originated this precise product into Australia in 2016.



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FRAUD 11. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene 2066 + S2088 bathroom fan heaters – both failed

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, December 2016

RESELLER: Serene Heating Australia P/L, November 2017

CUSTOMER: Joseph S. NSW

BACKGROUD:

- 1. Customer purchased a Serene S2066 fan heater with 2 year warranty in November 2017.
- 2. The heater failed in October 2019 and a replacement S2088 model heater (10 year warranty) was supplied FOC.
- 3. The replacement S2088 unit failed in August 2022 and the customer filed a warranty claim with Serene Industries Australia office.
- 4. Serene Industries advise the customer that there is no warranty support as the product was never sold by Serene, and they have been scammed by a dangerous internet trader who stole Serene IP and logos, and was shut down by the Government.

OUTCOME:

5. Customer is left high and dry with a second failed Serene product, and no support.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

"Hi Team.

I need warranty support... the S2088 that I had replaced by you in 2019 stopped working two days ago. I still have all the records re the 10year warranty... I have contacted Serene Industries and below is their damming reply - is their response correct - or do I need to now escalate this matter via my legal contacts? ...could you please reply asap

Many thanks, Joseph"

Dear Joseph

Thank you for contacting us however we cannot assist you very much.

We did not start our Australian business until mid-2021 and did not of course sell you the heater or sanction anyone else to do so.

What happened to you is that you were caught by an internet scammer who pretended online to be us Serene Industries Limited

His name was XXX and he stole our logo and information and images and sold our heaters online using our IP. He obtained the heaters on the "grey market' from overseas sources and they were not made to be sold in Australia and were not registered for sale or registered for sale in Australia. We export to many countries and do not know exactly where or from who he purchased the stock

We suspect they were warranty returns from Europe which he re sold as new but we were never sure of his exact sources. After some time we were able to have the AU authorities close him and his several web sites down.

We did not supply XXX with the heater that you purchased and possibly there is not much wrong with it and it may well be repairable but never legal.

As a gesture of good will we would like to offer you a 15% discount on our S2088 made and sold by us for Australian conditions and with a 10year full replacement warranty. If this at all helpful to you please contact Charlotte at the above email address.

With best regards Jeff Wong

Serene - International Customer Service - Hong Kong

From: auenquiry@serene-ind.com <auenquiry@serene-ind.com>

Sent: Monday, 1 August 2022 8:00 PM

Fo: 'Joseph @hotmail.com>

Cc: 'Charlotte Reid' <charlotter@serene-ind.com'>; 'Alex Woodward' <alexw@serene-ind.com'>

Subject: RE: WARRANTY Claim... S2088

Dear Joseph

Thank you for contacting us however we cannot assist you very much.

We did not start our Australian business until mid 2021 and did not of course sell you the heater or sanction any one else to do so

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Jeff Wong

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Sent: 01 August 2022 07:45 AM
To: AUenquiry@serene-ind.com

c: Joseph <u>Photmail.com</u>>

Subject: WARRANTY Claim... S2088

Goodmorning,

On 9th Oct 2019 I purchased a Serene S2088 fan heater which just yesterday stopped working.

This item was purchased with a 10 year Warranty. I have all the necessary purchase documents.

Can you please advise how to have the item either repaired or replaced as per those warranty terms.

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"Hi again XXX

Thanks for your reply and supporting info re Serene Industries.....what an absolute crock out of Serene / Wong.

I totally understand this situation now... I hate seeing them getting away with this (and trashing a good person's reputation in the process).

I will be reporting Serene Industries to Wikifrauds and authorities myself, is there anything else I can do to add to the case against Serene?

Please let me know if you want my help confronting these Serene cowboys.

Best wishes Joseph"

12. ANOTHER WARRANTY CLAIM – this one abandoned by the Customer, they have already seen enough.

PRODUCT: Serene S2088 bathroom fan heater, with 10 Year warranty

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, Jan 2016

IMPORTED BY: Serene Heating Australia P/L, May 2016

RESELLER: AWM Electrical Wholesalers, east Melbourne VIC, May 2016

BACKGROUD:

1. Product sold by Serene Australia in May 2016 with 10 Year Warranty.

2. Product failed in July 2022 and AWM filed a claim with the original Serene Australia Directors, who referred them to the Serene Industries Australian office contact.

OUTCOME:

3. Customer abandoned pursuing the warranty claim and refunded the customer, having read the prior history on WIKIFRAUDS.

AWM:

Reading this I wouldn't waste my time with Serene Industries and arguing with their bullsh*t - we have just refunded the customer.

We have already thrown all our Serene heater stock in the f**king skip - the whole lot of it.

Serene products are junk - 10 Year warranty that turns into Wikifrauds – Serene are a f**king joke.

Looking at what I read on Wikifrauds my judgement to scrap our stock was correct.

I have heard that Serene Industries and its owner has cost you guys a lot of money, and I am truly sorry to hear that.

13. NEW SALES AGENT DENIED SUPPORT – the Serene phone goes nowhere and their Aust' office doesn't exist?

PRODUCT: Container load of Serene S2088 bathroom fan heaters, with 10 Year warranty

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, 2020 IMPORTED BY: Electrical Agencies, TAS

RESELLER: Electrical Agencies as well as various Electrical Wholesalers throughout Tasmania from 2020.

BACKGROUD:

- 1. Serene products represented by a new agent Electrical Agencies from 2020, as promoted/published on the Serene website.
- 2. Unsurprisingly the product failures commence in 2022
- 3. Agent calls the directors of original Serene Heating Australia for advice regards getting spare products and warranty support from Serene Industries.

OUTCOME:

4. Agent realises the Serene Industries Australian office does not exist and that warranty support is unlikely, realising there is already a WIKIFRAUDS Investigation.

AGENT ENQUIRES to Serene Heating Australia P/L:

We are wondering if you have any old original stock?

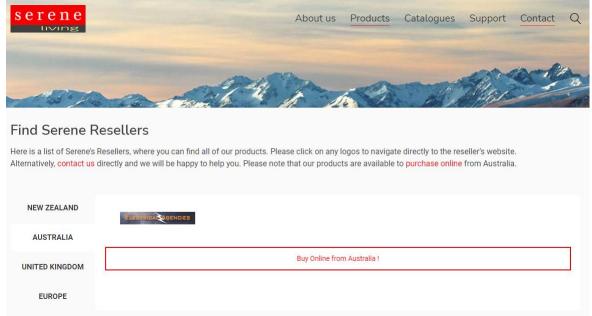
We purchased a container of \$2088 fan heater product and we have many failures.

The product has a 10-year warranty but we cannot get any support out of Serene Industries.

We have tried calling their Australian head office number but it goes nowhere, and there is no actual address.

We then called the New Zealand office who just referred us back to Hong Kong.

We would never buy any more Serene product!





FRAUD 14. Declined warranty, Woodward claims the business never existed.

PRODUCT: Serene S2088 bathroom fan heater

SUPPLIED BY: Serene Heating Industries Ltd, December 2016 RESELLER: Serene Heating Australia P/L, February 2018

CUSTOMER: L.W. NSW

BACKGROUD:

- 1. Customer purchased a Serene S2088 fan heater with 10 year warranty in February 2018.
- 2. The heater failed in November 2022.
- 3. Warranty claim filed by the customer, Serene Industries advised the customer that here is no warranty support as the product was never made/sold by Serene Industries, and they have been scammed by a dangerous internet cyber criminal who stole Serene IP and logos, and was shut down by the Government.

OUTCOME:

4. Customer is left high and dry with a second failed Serene product and no support.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE

Dear Staff Member.

We purchased the wonderful Serene heater from your company in 2017 (see attached invoice) and unfortunately it is no longer working as it should. The heater only blows out cold air. How do we replace the heater as it is in within the 10 year period it is covered for warranty?

I look forward to hearing from you. Kind regards

auenquiry@serene-ind.com Sat, Nov 12, 1:17 PM

Thank you for your email,

Unfortunately we are unable to assist as we were not operating in Australia in 2017.

If you purchased a S2088 heater it was from an online scammer who at that time was offering the product and pretending to be our company. We took legal action to prevent further use of our intellectual property.

His name we understand was XXX, the product was purchased overseas on the grey market – not from ourselves and never registered with the AU electrical safety authorities for sale in Australia. If you were to report this incident to the AU regulator you would be assisting everyone to prevent this sort of crime.

If a warranty was offered your resource is to the company from which you purchased the product and illegally imported and sold it in AU.

However, we, since July 2020 have opened for business in Australia and now offer our full range there. We are sorry that you were scammed in this way and would like to offer you a new heater at with our famous 10 year warranty at 20% discount which is available online with free home delivery via AU post from www.serene-ind.com

I hope that the above is helpful and should you need further information please do not hesitate to contact our local office.

With regards

Jeff Wong

Serene - International Customer Service - Hong Kong

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Hi,

I recently emailed Serene Industries office in Australia for a warranty claim on a Serene heater purchased in 2017.

This is the reply I had from them. What a load of tripe they talk. They are the scammers and I can so overwhelmingly see that my product is in fact genuine Serene Industries made. The Serene company that we purchased the heater from even has CEO Christopher Woodward registered by ASIC as a shareholder including the Serene Industries head office address.

We did not even purchase our heater online as they insist. I actually tried calling the Serene office in Australia, there is actually no Australian office! Every inch of Serene Industries has an element of deceit.

They describe their famous Serene 10 year warranty, I think they mean infamous.

I cannot repeat what I told CEO Christopher Woodward, but from blaming my heater failure on cyber criminals to his phony Australian office, I told him the whole of Serene is iust a load of b/s.

I can see why you people have nothing further to do with them. I am of a mind to report Serene Industries to Channel 9.

Would never buy another rubbish Serene product, we will be purchasing a different brand of heater to replace the Serene.

Thanks for all your help.

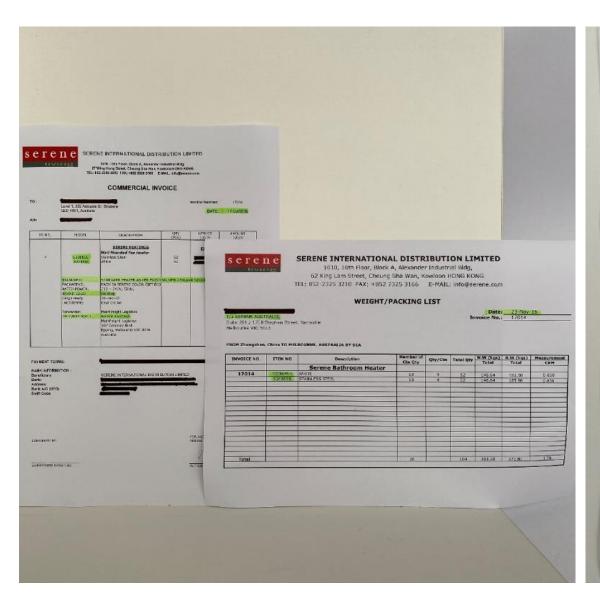
Kind Regards L. W.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 1. The Serene Industries shipping docs that originated this precise item into Australia in back in 2015/2016.
- 2. Also included is the original Serene compliance certification published online confirming that it has always been designed for and met Australian safety standards, notwithstanding that this certification has since expired.

(The certification is even issued in Australia, by Australians for Australia)

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FRAUD 15. Declined warranty x2. This even includes a heater purchased direct from the all new Serene Industries direct online.

- 1. Serene claims the business never existed for the first sale in 2017.
- 2. Serene claims the customer failed to 'register' the warranty for the sale in 2021.

PRODUCT: Serene S2088 bathroom fan heater SUPPLIED BY: Serene Industries Ltd, December 2016

RESELLER: Serene Heating Australia P/L, September 2017

CUSTOMER: E.L. VIC

BACKGROUD:

- 1. Customer purchased a Serene S2088 fan heater with 10 year warranty in September 2017.
- 2. The heater failed in January 2022.
- 3. Warranty claim filed by the customer, Serene Industries advised the customer that here is no warranty support as the product was never made/sold by Serene Industries, and they have been scammed by a dangerous internet cyber criminal who stole Serene IP and logos, and was shut down by the Government.

OUTCOME:

- 4. Customer is left high and dry with a second failed Serene product and no support.
- 5. The customer also confirmed that they have also purchased a second heater direct online from Serene Industries Ltd Jeff Ong has inadvertently screwed over their own customer. He advises the customer they failed to 'register' the 10 year warranty after purchase, just more farcical nonsense made up on the fly.

CUSTOMER EMAIL COMMUNICATIONS and SERENE RESPONSE (in chronological order, from top down)

Hi there, (Serene Industries Ltd, Australian office)

We purchased one of your bathroom heaters in 2017 and we now have an issue switching it on with the pull string which does not work.

It is still under warranty so what do we need to do to get it repaired or replaced?

We had it hard wired by a qualified electrician so if it were to be removed, we would need an electrician to remove it.

I have attached our invoice for this product for your information.

Kind regards

E.L.

From: auenquiry@serene-ind.com

Thank you for your email E

We however cannot assist you as we are Serene Industries Limited a Hong Kong based manufacturing company.

Serene did not commence business in Australia until August 2020 nor did we sell or import our products in Australia prior to that date.

I see that you purchased the product from an internet trader who would have purchased the heater from a secondary market outside of AU and illegally imported it and illegally used our Serene brand in the advertising. The heater carried no official Serene warranty and we would advise you to contact the company from which you purchased it if they offered a warranty and perhaps contact the AU regulator if they will not assist you or have been closed down by your government.

It is possible that the cord has been pulled too hard on your heater and displaced switch. If this is the case than just one very hard pull often puts the switch back in position. Any electrician should be able to fox the problem in moments.

We hope that this information assists

With regards Jeff Wong

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Hi Jeff,

It really should not matter where and who sold us your product. It is still a product which was manufactured by your company.

You are still making this product using the **same name** and offering the same warranty.

The cord has never been pulled down hard but I just tried to pull it hard as you recommended and it did put the switch back into position but it still does not work!

I am really concerned because last year we purchased another one of these units for another property [direct from Serene Industries online] that we own and have not yet installed it.

If I knew that your 10 year warranty was not worth the paper it is written on, I would never have purchase that second unit!

I thought I had a quality product which was backed by quality service.

Unfortunately I was wrong and will not be recommending Serene Industries to anyone in the trades.

I will be also checking with our regulators as you are continuing to sell a product in Australia and are falsely promising a 10 year warranty.

In Australia, it does not matter who sells you a product as it is the manufacturer that is responsible to honour their warranty.

Even though there has been a change in the authorized retailers in Australia, the fact is that the product is still the same and the warranty on this product as published by Serene Industries has not changed.

You are the manufacturer so the liability rests with your company!

Please let me know what you are prepared to do to make good of your warranty promise or I will have no other choice but to report you to our regulator.

Thank you, F. L. From: auenquiry@serene-ind.com

Dear E.

I regret that we are unable to assist for the reasons previously stated.

We offered no warrant on the illegally imported product which per AU law is the responsibility of the company in AU from which it was purchased.

The product that you purchased from a online scammer was not manufactured to AU electrical safety requirements and was never intended to be illegally imported.

Both our lawyers Bell Gully' and the Australian regulators have taken action against the company from which you purchases the item.

We offer a 10 year warranty in Australia only on product purchased from Serene Industries Limited sold by us after we commenced business in Australia in August 2020

The product that you purchased was illegally imported into AU by an online scammer, did not comply with AU safety regulations and (was) is potentially dangerous to use.

The company from which you purchased the heater was not authorised to sell our products, steal our IP or use our Serene brand that in AU is registered.

We have taken legal action and alerted the AU authorities and unfortunately there is little more that we can do.

Unfortunately this is not an isolated problem in AU where many registered brands suffer the same problem however the law is very clear on these matters as you will find when you check – it is that the importer bears the full responsibility to honour any warranty that that they offered when advertising illegally imported goods for sale.

Please do check with appropriate government department yourself and push the seller to honour any warranty that they offered. Our lawyers have contact details for the person responsible which I can arrange to be passed to you - his name is XXX.

With regards Jeff Wong

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To: auenquiry@serene-ind.com

Subject: RE: Faulty heater

Hi Jeff Wrong (not a spelling error),

Congratulations! You have not only scammed us once but twice!! One of our heaters that we purchased was actually direct from your office via your Serene website!

How do you guys sleep at night? Karma will catch up with you both one day.

Even if you did offer us a refund for the product, we recently purchased from you, we cannot trust that you would actually pay us back given your track record of lies and deceit as published on Wikifrauds.

The explanation you provide reads the same for everyone that makes Serene claim with you. Clearly the evidence published overwhelmingly proved that these are in fact Serene heaters made by your company.

Stop blaming others for your fraudulent business activities!

E.L.

From: auenquiry@serene-ind.com

Sent: Tuesday, 17 January 2023 6:15 PM

Subject: RE: Faulty heater

Dear E

We know about Wikifrauds thanks.

Surely you realise that it is just another nasty grubby scam site.

The site has been up for several years and they have been sued many times.

However they have no funds and thus not worth the trouble for us to sue them

No sensible person reads the thing and their reason for existing is to scam payment from the dozen of AU companies that they pick on.

Some it seems do pay them. This fellow XXX is involved and supplied the stolen and false material. They asked for a million dollar to go away.

They however cause us no bother and our lawyers advise that it is not worth while to go after them as they are hosted in eastern Europe and difficult to keep them closed down

BTW that image is not me [Jeff Ong image on Wikifrauds].

The AU police know about them and will take action at some point we are told

With regards Jeff Wong

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Hi XXX, (Serene Heating Australia P/L)

Copied here you will find all my communications with these Serene Industries fraudsters.

Don't worry - I have called them out for their fraud and they just continue to blame you for everything.

I don't buy their explanations at all. I noticed that in every email they sent me, it was almost word for word as stated in Wikifrauds.

I have contacted Wikifrauds to add another 2 to their tally of people being denied warranty claims from these Serene fraudsters.

You can see how more and more people were being copied to Serene emails as we progressed so maybe he was a bit concerned about this escalating to the authorities.

I just want to get the heater fixed and forget about this Serene Industries nightmare!

Thanks for the partial refund and the recommendation of the switch - It will go towards paying an electrician to come over to check the unit. Jeff Wong could have easily offered what you have done, instead of peddling these lies.

Feel free to use my story to back your case against Serene.

I am happy to support the Wikifrauds case but please keep my name and contact details away from any details published for Wikifrauds investigation.

Kind regards,

E.L.

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