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Mr John Story, FAICD
The Chancellor
University of Queensland
(ST. LUCIA QLD 4072)

c/o Suncorp Group
GPO Box 1453
BRISBANE QLD 4001

Dear Mr. Story:

Re: Formal complaint to the University of Queensland Senate concerning actions of the Vice-Chancellor Professor Paul Greenfield and of Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg

This complaint is made to you as Chancellor of the University of Queensland, UQ. Having read your responsibilities under the University of Queensland Act, 1998 I see no alternative means to protect our university's reputation and to protect science.

A similar, materially identical letter is being sent by Registered Post to each Appointed Member of the UQ senate and to Official Members of the UQ senate. A copy is being sent to the Vice-Chancellor.

It is disappointing that actions of Professor Hoegh-Guldberg made it necessary for me to formally complain to the UQ senate last month. It is deeply disconcerting that Professor Greenfield's subsequent action makes it necessary for me to now extend this complaint to include his behaviour.

Please refer to the enclosed copy of a letter dated November 29th, 2010 from Professor Paul Greenfield and to the particular items raised in the enclosed copy of my response today.

Reading the Vice-Chancellor's reply I'm feeling incredulous, frustrated, despairing and deeply concerned because his response fails to meet needs for scientific integrity, respect, understanding, objectivity, accountability and leadership.

His letter is not on behalf of the senate. It is in response to my formal complaint sent by Registered Post letter dated Wednesday, November 10th, 2010. Materially identical letters were sent by Registered Post to each Appointed Member of the UQ senate and to all Official Members. The delivery of all letters has been confirmed so you will likely be aware of my specific concerns about Professor Hoegh-Guldberg's behaviour and about UQ science.

The Vice-Chancellor's response deepened and widened my concerns about UQ science and the apparent lack of accountability and apparent disregard for integrity at senior levels of the University of Queensland.

Based on his failure to address my specific complaints and on his apparent condoning of the behaviour of Professor Hoegh-Guldberg, my earlier complaint to you about Professor Hoegh-Guldberg's behaviour is now extended to include Professor Greenfield's behaviour.

This complaint in good faith is made to you as a governor of our university. I request that you please protect our university's integrity and reputation by conducting an independent investigation into the behaviour of the professors undermining the scientific process and thereby destroying science.

I please request that you cause the senate to investigate the behaviour of Professor Greenfield in that he seemingly fails to fulfil his responsibility to the university under the University of Queensland Act, 1998 and that, in essence, he condones and supports the unscientific, unprofessional and seemingly unethical behaviour of Professor Hoegh-Guldberg.

The Vice-Chancellor's letter increases my dedication to protecting our university's quality and reputation. I hope you will address these needs.

I remain available to voluntarily assist you personally in protecting our university's integrity. I am available to address you and other members of the senate, individually or jointly, to assist you to fulfil responsibilities under the University of Queensland Act, 1998.

I look forward to your response and to the senate's response.

Yours sincerely,

*All originals
personally signed*

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Enclosed:

Copy of letter dated 29 November, 2010 from Professor Paul Greenfield, Vice-Chancellor UQ

Copy of letter dated Fr.17.12.10 to Professor Paul Greenfield, Vice-Chancellor UQ

cc:

The first page of this letter has been tailored to each Appointed Member of the senate and two of three Official Members of the UQ Senate and copies of the letters mailed accordingly. The materially identical letter personally addressed and sent to The Chancellor has been copied to:

Professor Paul Greenfield, Vice-Chancellor and third Official Member of the senate

Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg in his capacity as Director of the Global Change Institute

Electronically to the Vice Chancellor's e-mail address for forwarding to all members of UQ senate

Electronically to various scientists

Electronically to friends and fellow graduates of the University of Queensland

Electronically to federal members of parliament responsible for protecting taxpayer funds