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Dear Mr. Withers.

Re: Formal complaint

Accompanying herewith is a formal complaint alleging research misconduct by Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg from the University of Queensland. It follows advice from the then federal Minister for Education, The Hon Christopher Pyne.

As a formerly proud graduate with an honours engineering degree from the university in 1976, I am saddened to note that the matter first raised in November 2010 remains unresolved and has not been independently investigated. Correspondence from, and the behaviour of, the university's executive management strongly suggest that the university's research culture does not understand that empirical evidence is essential in deciding and attributing causation scientifically. Instead the university arbitrarily attributes causation using unscientific concepts including a fabricated false 'consensus'.

Given that Professor Hoegh-Guldberg publicly displays his status as an ARC Laureate and given that the university is a beneficiary of ARC funding, I entrust this matter to you and to ARC.

After eight years' independent investigation of this topic I know that it can be challenging for people new to this topic to imagine the breadth and depth of this issue and the behaviours involved. For that reason I have included extensive relevant supporting details in accompanying documents.

Following advice from the Queensland state Attorney General's Department I have submitted detailed complaints to the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland and to the university's Integrity and Investigations Unit. The latter is the first step in a process that if not satisfactory will culminate in the Queensland Ombudsman investigating. I am submitting a complaint to the university Senate. These will be posted at: <http://www.climate.conscious.com.au/empiricalloh.html>

I entrust you and ARC to restore scientific integrity. I am available to assist you.

Yours sincerely,

Original personally signed

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