

29 November 2010

Mr M Roberts  
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Dear Mr Roberts

I refer to your letter dated 10 November 2010 concerning Professor Ove Hoegh-Guldberg.

Your correspondence is an indication of your passion to contribute to the climate change debate. The University of Queensland shares your interest and is also contributing to the exchange of ideas on this topic. As you can appreciate, there is a variety of opinions regarding the nature, causes and consequences of climate change. The debate will be ongoing as we continue to grapple with this important issue.

Your concern that the behaviour of one of our academics might bring the University into disrepute is also of concern to us. I note that you are one of our alumni, which makes your concern personal.

Accordingly, I convened a panel of senior executives to discuss the material you provided. The panel's view is that this matter appears primarily to have been driven by the strong differences of opinion and interpretation related to various aspects of the widespread and ongoing public debate around climate change. Given that, and the nature and circumstances of Professor Hoegh-Guldberg's comments, there is no justification for further action.

I can understand that you disagree with Professor Hoegh-Guldberg's view; that is inevitable when one is engaged in research on complex issues.

I wish you all the best as you continue your research in this area.

Yours sincerely



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**Vice-Chancellor**