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Dear Mr. Lavell.

**Re: Formal complaint**

Accompanying herewith is a formal complaint about the behaviour of three university staff members. Their behaviour appears to contravene state legislation, UQ's code of conduct and society's expectations on ethics.

I am particularly concerned with their contradiction of empirical evidence, dismissal of documented facts and repeated failure to substantiate their claims.

I graduated from our university in 1976 with an honours engineering degree and sadly note that this matter remains unresolved and has not been independently investigated since first raised in November 2010.

After advice from the Ombudsman's office I telephoned our university's Human Resources adviser Ms. Jane Banney who advised me to complain to your unit.

My complaint is formatted in four sections based on UQ's on-line complaint form. Additionally, after eight years' independent investigation 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 taken great care to set out and contextualise the disturbing facts on this matter.

I am concurrently writing to the Chancellor and following advice from the state Attorney General's Department and the then federal Minister for Education, I am submitting detailed complaints to the Board of Professional Engineers of Queensland and the Australian Research Integrity Committee.

If you submit the issue to the Crime and Corruption Commission or deem it a matter for Public Interest Disclosure, please advise. Regardless, I will cooperate fully and am available to meet with you and assist your investigation.

I entrust to you the restoration of the primacy of empirical evidence in science at our university and a return to honest, fact-based leadership at our university.

Yours sincerely,

*Original personally signed*

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