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By Registered Post with Delivery Confirmation

Dear Mr. Scully.

Re: Your letter dated 10th April, 2013

Thank you for your letter dated 10th April, 2013.

Please accept my regret for my delay in replying. Your letter failed to meet my needs for objectivity, respect and honesty. Consequently I'd given up hope that the ABC would honestly address the issues I raised.

Recently though it struck me that your specific responses provide opportunity for both of us and for the ABC Board and management. I now respond to specific statements in your letter.

1. You state, quote: *"There is very solid evidence that the planet is warming and that human activity is mostly responsible for this, as vouchsafed by the Australian Academy of Science and similar Academies around the world."*

Your statement is false. Firstly, there is no empirical scientific evidence for the claim that human activity is responsible for warming. This is explained in my report and specifically detailed in its Appendix 4. The explanation is clear and simple with many solid references including peer-reviewed papers and science's ultimate arbiter, empirical scientific evidence.

As you know, the report and appendices referenced in this reply are available here:
<http://www.conscious.com.au/CSIROh!.html>

Further, please note the comments of UN IPCC Expert Science Reviewer Dr. Vincent Gray cited and referenced in Appendix 2, page 5. He confirms that none of the UN IPCC's four reports (1990, 1995, 2001 and 2007) contain evidence of human causation. Each of the UN's four climate reports is based on a blatant falsity. The UN's imminent fifth report is already publicly ridiculed as unscientific, contrary to empirical scientific evidence and plagued by corruption.

If you disagree with Dr. Vincent Gray and me please specify your supporting empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning, specific source(s) and locations within sources. If you fail to do so I will conclude you have no such evidence and reasoning.

Appendix 8, pages 2 to 8, reveals that your reliance on the Australian Academy of Science is laughable. The Australian Academy of Science's report is revealed as unscientific propaganda. So poor is it that the respected atmospheric physicist Garth Paltridge, a member of the report's Oversight Committee, refused to have his name associated with the report.

The report was funded by the previous government's Department of Climate Change. It contains no evidence of human causation of global warming.

If you disagree, please identify the specific location within the Academy's report of empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning on which you base your assertion of global warming supposedly caused by human carbon dioxide gas.

You seem to be not aware that the world's peak academic scientific body, the Inter Academy Council's August 2010 report is a scathing condemnation of the UN IPCC's processes and procedures. Appendix 2, pages 1 to 4.

Contrary to your claim, no national academies of science have had a vote of their members to endorse the claim. Appendix 8, pages 14 and 15. Prominent academic advocate for cutting human carbon dioxide output, Professor Will Steffen admitted that fact. Appendix 9, pages 15 to 25.

Further, both CSIRO and the Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) have no empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning for the claim that human activity causes or will cause global warming. Appendices 6, 6b and 7. Please refer to results of my Freedom of Information requests on CSIRO and the BOM here: <http://www.conscious.com.au/letters.html>

Please note that empirical scientific evidence and logical scientific reasoning prove your claim to be completely false. Appendix 4. You contradict empirical scientific evidence.

Your claim is bold and clear. Thus you must have supporting evidence. Please specify the empirical scientific evidence and/or source upon which you base your claim. Failure to provide such evidence will lead me to conclude you have no such evidence.

2. You stated, quote: “*The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, a group of 1,300 independent scientific experts from around the world, concluded that there is a more than 90 percent probability that human activities over the past 250 years have warmed our planet.*”

My report's Appendix 2 reveals the error of your statement. In the UN IPCC's latest report (2007), the sole chapter claiming warming and attributing it to human carbon dioxide is Chapter 9. It was written by 53 authors, many reportedly with conflicts of financial interest.

Their appointment breached UN IPCC guidelines in that they are largely from a very narrow band of organisations and not representative of scientists worldwide. Among those who reviewed Chapter 9, only five reviewers endorsed the claim of human causation.

Your implied claim that 1,300 independent scientists conclude that human activities warmed the planet is laughably false. Under scrutiny it withers to just five reviewers—or, at most 58 contributors/reviewers, many with conflicts of financial interest.

UN IPCC Expert Science Reviewer Dr. Vincent Gray provided by far the most comprehensive and detailed review of chapter 9. He publicly confirmed no evidence exists in chapter 9 of human causation of warming. As stated above, he confirms no evidence exists anywhere in any of the UN IPCC's four reports.

I've read Chapter 9 twice. It contains no evidence of warming caused by human production of carbon dioxide.

I've read the equivalent sole chapter in the 2001 report (Chapter 12). It contains no such evidence. Dr. Gray's public comments confirm my conclusion.

You seem to be ignorant of the fact that for its 2007 report the UN IPCC arbitrarily assigned "the 90 percent probability" by political voting. It is not a statistically or scientifically derived figure even though you and many in the media cite or imply it as such. Appendix 2. It appears to be designed to falsely imply a scientific basis. Your work and letter spread that deceitful misrepresentation—apparently without validation, or even scrutiny.

Among the army of ABC investigative journalists, is there not one who has uncovered this fact? Yet it's documented publicly and is widely known.

Please specify the location of empirical scientific evidence of human causation within the UN IPCC's reports. If you're not able to specify such location and evidence I will conclude that you have no such basis for your false statement of 10th April 2013.

3. You stated, quote: "Among the scientific community, most of the debate now surrounds questions of details – such as how much will the world continue to warm by 2100. Other uncertainties surround what the impact of this temperature will be on global weather patterns."

Your statement is false. The UN IPCC's imminent release of its fifth Assessment Report is engulfed in debate about the unsuitability of the computerised numerical models upon which it relies. The models are erroneous and contradict empirical scientific evidence. The debate encompasses the current lack of atmospheric warming for over a decade and a half and lack of warming in ground-based temperature measurements for almost 17 years.

Yet the ABC seems reluctant to report either of these core facts. Why?

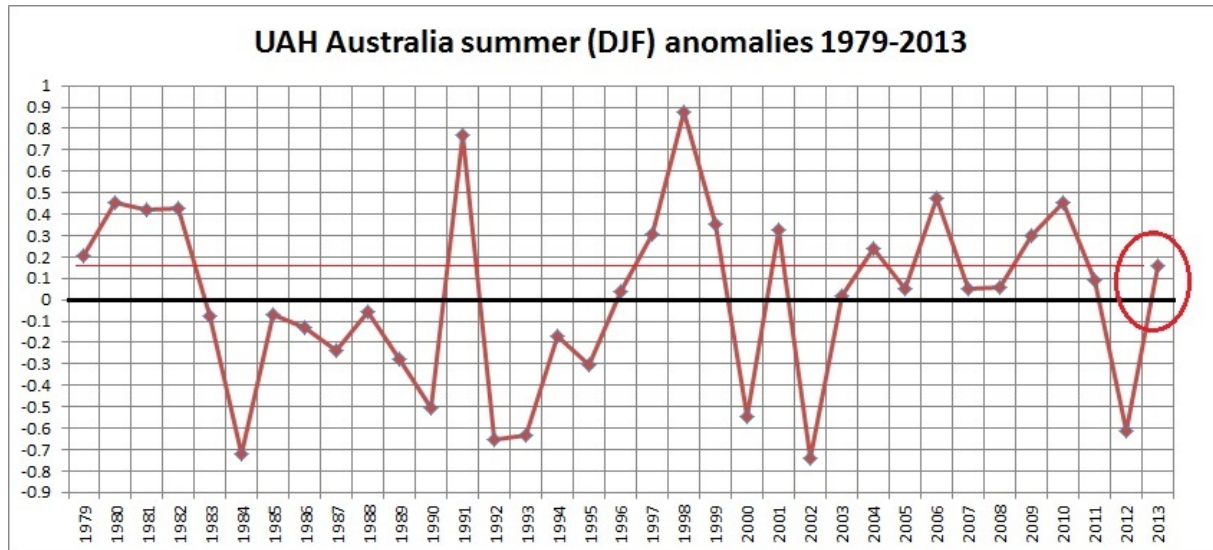
Fortunately, empirical scientific evidence is increasingly being cited publicly. It reveals no unusual sea level rise. The UN IPCC now admits no increase in so-called extreme weather events. Other scares previously fabricated by the UN IPCC to falsely conjure unfounded alarm have been shown by empirical scientific evidence to be false. Appendices 2 and 4a.

If you disagree please specify the location of empirical scientific evidence on which projections you cite are based and please specify the empirical scientific evidence on which impacts are based. If you're not able to specify such location and evidence I will conclude that you have no such basis for your false statement of 10th April 2013.

4. You state, quote: “Evidence from worldwide trends suggest that the changes to Australia’s temperature are not a statistical outlier, but part of a pattern of global warming.”

This statement is false. It contradicts empirical scientific evidence.

This graph presents Australian summer atmospheric temperatures since the start of satellite measurements. It proves no warming of summer temperatures for more than three decades:



Source article:

<http://joannenova.com.au/2013/03/hottest-summer-record-in-australia-not-even-close-says-uah-satellite-data/>

Yet the ABC widely spread the now-defunct Climate Commission’s fraudulent and erroneous report entitled “*The Angry Summer*”.

Two journalists in a major, popular Australian newspaper easily exposed the Climate Commission’s unscientific misrepresentations simply by checking publicly accessible Australian weather data.

Empirical scientific evidence and facts on temperatures are presented in Appendix 4. Appendix 4a reveals no unusual changes occurring in weather or results from weather. Empirical scientific evidence proves observations consistent with inherent natural variation.

5. You state, quote: “I have read through your document and must disagree with your assertion that Catalyst misrepresents science in any way”.

Your statement is an unfounded opinion with no specific reference to facts and data presented in my *CSIROh!* report’s Appendices 13 (pages 5 and 6) and 13f.

In light of the hard, measured evidence and facts presented in Appendices 13 and 13f and in light of your reliance on unfounded and unsubstantiated opinion, your letter serves to confirm my conclusion that the ABC is indeed biased. Whether that bias is deliberate or uninformed and irresponsible is for others to decide.

It's difficult to imagine how a letter from someone working as a producer fails to display traits of successful journalism: curiosity, holding others accountable and objectivity.

I feel even more disappointed that you dismiss, without evidence or reference, the quantified data and facts I present about *Catalyst* in Appendices 13 and 13f.

Does ABC journalism and management think so highly of its own opinions that there is no need for facts and that unfounded opinion overrules proven facts?

Please specify errors you see in my report's Appendices 13 and particularly in 13f. If you fail to do so I will conclude that you cannot rebut my appendices and specifically my criticisms of *Catalyst* and the ABC.

Your letter made five unequivocal statements. Publicly available empirical scientific data and publicly available documentation of extensive corruption of climate science combined with my detailed assessment of *Catalyst's* September 11th, 2011 program confirm all five of your statements are false and without foundation. All mislead.

If you'd like to discuss please call or email.

In summary, your letter fails to meet my needs for objectivity, respect and accuracy. ABC media reporting of climate continues to be overwhelmingly dominated by misrepresentations of climate and science. It is dishonest in that it is not honest.

Your letter's core points are similarly based entirely on demonstrable falsities. You present opinions and only two pieces of data with both pieces taken out of context and/or used misleadingly. Your reply reveals, at best, your lack of understanding.

Your letter is being copied to the ABC Board. As advised in my letter to Nick Lee and to which you replied, your letter of 10th April and this reply will be posted on the internet. The specific URL location is: <http://www.conscious.com.au/letters.html>

I look forward to your written specific responses to my specific requests for you to substantiate your claims. Failure to do so will lead me to conclude that you agree with my position and that your letter of 10th April is unfounded and misrepresents climate and science.

Yours sincerely

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If an honest man is wrong, after demonstrating that he is wrong, he either stops being wrong or he stops being honest. Anonymous

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