

Dear Sir Muir,

Climate Change Email Review

I wish you well with the Review that you have been appointed to lead. As I understand them, the complexities of this case might justify you in regarding the task as something of a poisoned chalice!

I am involved in the setting and implementation of policy at a local government level. The issue of climate change has been of general interest to me for some years and I have noted the conflicting and often polarised views. The climate change debate has had significant impact on our policy and our implementation of policy in Edinburgh.

In holding an *independent* review it seems the University of East Anglia is wise in seeking to uncover the facts in a way which commands respect and credibility from intelligent and balanced people on the many sides.

Having observed the circumstances and events surrounding the press launch and the information which has become available following the announcement of the members of your Review team, I wish to offer a few comments.

In view of the role of *Nature* in events over recent years including some of the areas the Issues Paper seeks to explore, the appointment of Dr Philip Campbell was a mistake which I am glad to see has now been corrected.

The appointment of Professor Geoffrey Boulton, undoubtedly a man of some eminence and ability, presents similar issues for the credibility and standing of the independent Review. The following factors are amongst others which reduce my confidence in the fairness of the Review.

- Professor Boulton worked at the University of East Anglia in a period which overlapped with when Professor Phil Jones and other relevant key figures also worked there
- He has made public comments which have indicated that he is far from independent in his views of climate change
- He has also addressed, in speeches and policy papers, issues which are relevant to the issues to be investigated. His positioning is such that he cannot be regarded as independent by those who take a another view
- Questions are now being asked about his professional relationship with Professors Garielle Heygerl and Tom Crowley and, indeed, his role in their appointment at Edinburgh University. Although I do not know the facts of this matter, that this suspicion is able to be raised, calls into question your appointment of Professor Boulton. As you know Professors Heygerl and Crowley feature in the CRU emails and papers they have presented are very relevant to the assessment of some of the issues before you.

Difficult though it may be, addressing the issue of Professor Boulton's membership of your Review is essential at this stage to prevent such issues undermining the Review and its conclusions.

I believe he should resign.

Best wishes,

Cameron Rose