The Science Panel

Dear Members,

You will be aware that the Council resolution setting up the Panel had as a stipulation that no member could have had any contact or relationship with Dr Shand.

It transpired that Mr Carley had both a professional and personal relationship. CRU is aware that the Panel considered there had been no bias and any possible challenge to the Panel proceeding was withdrawn.

However the avoidance of a perception of bias is important. CRU requests that Mr Carley stand down from the editing and finalizing of the report. The preponderance of submissions relate to coastal science and risk assessment related matters and his expertise is as a coastal engineer. We submit he confine his contribution to changes relating to engineering matters.

Your Faithfully