Dear Sir Muir Russell

I am surprised to read that in spite of statements that you had wanted to have a team with impartial representation, you have insisted on retaining Professor Bolton.

I have seen his biography and it is clear he is a person who has been closely connected to the UEA so his independence is questionable.

He has also expressed clear views in favour of the theory of AGW and has even given a presentation including the profoundly flawed Mann hockey stick. You may know that Mann was one of Professor Jones' main correspondents in the email exchanges which you are investigating.

With Professor Bolton on board, given that he is the main "climate expert", I can only conclude that this inquiry will not be impartial.

Are there really no other independent physics/stats experts out there who could step into his position?

Yours faithfully

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