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Dear Dr Spence

I am writing in response to my concerns about the conduct on one of the University's academic staff:

Professor Simon Chapman, Professor of Public Health, Director of Research, Associate Dean Communications, School of Public Health.

Professor Chapman has over a period of time progressively conducted himself in a completely unprofessional manner to forward what I consider his personal crusade to further the installation of Industrial Wind Turbines throughout Australia.

This he has done by denigrating other professionals and those who believe they have been adversely affected by these Turbines, located in the vicinity of their homes and working environments as well as anyone who has an opposing view to himself.

Professor Chapman has on numerous occasions belittled those who are suffering, those who are seeking to have research conducted to ascertain if peoples illnesses result from the various types of noise emitted by these turbines and if so what can be done to prevent it.

Professor Chapman has denigrated qualified and professional members of the medical profession, acousticians and anyone who supports them. He has done this publically through written and verbal comment to various organisations and websites.

His latest ranting's and I am afraid that is how they appear, are being distributed via his University tobacco website. Where he is listing and requesting people to add to the list of symptoms reported to be associated with health issues of people living close to Industrial Turbines. He has even resorted to having a cartoonist assist him, making people's concerns appear to be laughable, a joke.

However, it is not difficult to go through the list of symptoms and see many of them have been reported by researchers and doctors as clusters of symptoms, which can result from stress. He appears to completely deny stress can be caused by noise.

He also listed behaviour reported with respect to animals; again these are symptoms that can be associated with stress/anxiety in creatures when things change and they have no way to remove themselves from the offending change. Even the disappearance of crickets and earth worms could be an indication that something is wrong in the environment.

The presence of both heard and infrasound is now being recording at high levels at homes of people suffering illness, is it too much for Professor Chapman to accept that he doesn't know everything and that he doesn't have the medical or scientific training of others.

He appears to have been completely taken over by the spin of the Wind Energy companies, who continue to deny there are any problems anywhere in the world even though research and reports contradict these claims.

This behaviour is similar to that of the tobacco companies and Governments in the past and it's surprising Professor Chapman, with his experience has succumbed.

If he's using problems people are concerned about with respect to Industrial Wind Turbines to further his current research in the ...'examining policy how health and medical issues are covered in the news media; the implications for tobacco control of web 2.0 technology; and characteristics of public health research (and its dissemination) which impact on public health policy.' (*His CV on the University staff site*). Then the ethics committee should reassess their sanctioning of his methods.

If it's not part of any authorised research then he should be ask to ensure his comments are identified as his personal beliefs, and not use his tobacco website and desist from identifying himself in the media in his role as a Professor of Public Health at the University.

His behaviour is not that of an ethical person and as such reflects on the University's own standards whenever he uses his position at the university to give credence to his views and behaviour.

I would encourage you to read the attachments to this letter as they provide some evidence of his behaviour.

Yours faithfully

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