

Antwerp, Belgium, February 2, 2015

To my colleagues in the academic and scientific community,
To the members of the International Advisory Board of Energy Policy,
To Henri van Dorssen, Elsevier, and Lorna Greening, editor Energy Policy,

With this letter I resign from the “International Advisory Board” of Energy Policy. During 25 years of Nicky France’s editorship, I contributed conscientiously as an author and reviewer. Nicky developed Energy Policy to be an open platform of interaction and debate among diverse visions, perspectives and approaches.

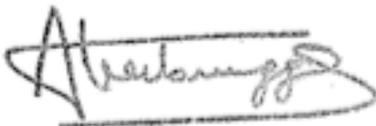
Since the removal of Nicky France by Elsevier, and the take-over by Michael Jefferson and Lorna Greening in 2013, this position has been seriously and perhaps irreversibly eroded. At first, I fully trusted and actively supported the new editors, because I thought Nicky France retired, and that two editors would be better able to manage the large number of submissions.

However, without effective consultation with the advisory board, the editors imposed vested energy interest positions, and rejected critical analysis and perspectives. By deceiving editorial practices, Jefferson and Greening violated the elementary standards of peer review required for any academic journal. As an author or co-author on six separate submissions since February 2013, I have experienced their disdain for the work delivered by reviewers and by authors, prejudiced decisions, and misrepresentation of reviewer reports. Factual evidence is available for informing the scientific community.

It is sad to observe the destruction of an open scientific discussion platform on energy policy. Global society is facing worsening climate changes due to irresponsible use of polluting and risky energy sources, and really needs a bubbling discussion forum.

It conflicts with my moral norms to remain a member of the International Advisory Board of Energy Policy. I refuse to be part of a passive cover-up of the prejudiced direction taken and of the malpractices applied by the present editors at Energy Policy.

Sincerely,



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