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Dear Ms Vale

Thank you for your letter of 23 December 2010 concerning CSIRO's global climate models (GCM).

I have considered the matters in your letter as well as reviewing our previous correspondence on this topic and believe that the most appropriate way forward is for the question you have raised to be addressed in the scientific literature.

Science is a constant process of testing and re-testing. New ideas and observations are systematically tested against the available evidence and those not found wanting are then subject to further testing by peer review and finally, if published, by the scientific community at large. This method of systematic testing of ideas against the available evidence has developed over the last five hundred years and the modern world is a direct product of the growth of scientific knowledge generated by this approach.

It is within this framework of testing and re-testing which is modern science that CSIRO has developed its global climate models. If, as you contend, there are flaws in these models then the appropriate place to address these flaws is in the scientific literature.

I look forward to seeing the issues you have raised published in the literature and awaiting with interest their reception and debate by the scientific community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Carr', written over a horizontal line.

Kim Carr