

# Declaration of impartiality for external experts of the Norwegian Scientific Committee for Food and Environment

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**1. Direct affiliations or interests that may be of relevance to the work of VKM (economic benefits due to employment, self-employment, membership of boards, obligations, investments, remuneration, etc.):**

I am an academic whose sole employment is as an associate professor with Macquarie University. I am not employed by any commercial interest group.

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My research support is through the Australian government.

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None that I can think of.

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