

I have spoken to **Barry** Chipman Tasmanian State Manager and clarified my role in the review as an advisor to, not as an author of, the report.

In particular

- 1 I did not write or endorse any of the "Interim Report of the Independent Review of the EPBC Act"
- 2 My total involvement in the review so far is participation in a one day meeting
- 3 I have made my own submission to the "Interim Report of the Independent Review of the EPBC Act"
- 4 The issue of independent scientific advice. Well technically nobody is completely independent.

It is true that "*Professor Possingham is a member of the Wilderness Society's WildCountry Council*".

I did not know that an advisor who provides one day of advice would need to declare all the organisations of which they are associated.

I provide advice to innumerable groups – the list is very long and includes mining companies, many governments and government departments, many environmental NGOs, universities, students, other academics, politicians and quite recently expert advice for a defendant being pursued under the EPBC Act! As a University academic I feel it is my responsibility to help anybody that asks me – within the constraints of the time I have. I can try to compile a list of all the people and organisations with which I have some sort of contact/advisory role but the list will be more than 3 pages.

My CV is on the web and easily accessible. Many of these associations are freely available from my CV <http://www.uq.edu.au/spatialecology/docs/Possingham-CV-January-2009.pdf> . More particularly I am not a member of TWS and they do not pay me any consulting fee. I am paid by an ARC Federation Fellowship. All other money I receive from any consulting I give to The University of Queensland.

If by providing advice to one group once taints an expert forever, then we can all only provide advice once in our life!

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