

## ABC'S SECRET INVESTIGATION INTO AUSTRALIAN PARADOX MATTERS CONFIRMS SERIOUS SCIENTIFIC FRAUD

Below is an ABC-authorized *Extract* from the ABC's secret *Investigation Report*, dated 13 April 2016. The 15-page report confirms a serious scientific fraud (featuring the dishonest use of fake data), but it remains suppressed at the insistence of the University of Sydney's Professor Jennie Brand-Miller and the Dietitians Association of Australia's Dr Alan Barclay.

I have spoken with the ABC's General Counsel. The full *Investigation Report* may be available in any legal action(s) I bring against the University of Sydney and/or Australian National University (page 7, below). (I am yet to seek access via FOI.) **My initial letter to the ABC's legal team, before it authorised public access to the *Extract*, is reproduced from page 3.**

**Background:** The infamous *Australian Paradox* paper (2011) claims "a consistent and substantial decline" in consumption of added sugar (sucrose) over the 1980 to 2010 timeframe. Awkwardly, several of the authors' own published data series trend up not down, contradicting their sugar-down-obesity-up "paradox" story. The paper thus relies on an unacceptable series that was discontinued as unreliable after 1999, and then faked for 2000-2003 (see charts overleaf and on page 5).

**Rory Robertson**  
**8 July 2018**

Extract from **ABC Audience and Consumer Affairs Investigation Report: *Lateline* story *Analyzing The Australian Paradox: experts speak out about the role of sugar in our diets* and the ABC News online report *Australian Paradox under fire: Health experts hit out at Sydney Uni sugar study*.**

### 2.1.1.1 RR statements

We are satisfied that Rory Robertson represented a principal relevant perspective on the issues examined in the broadcast. We note that he is a senior economist with one of the country's leading banks who is a highly credible and respected data analytics expert. It is our view that his extensive research on this issue and critical assessment of the Australian Paradox, particularly the data relied upon by its authors, is based on and substantiated by demonstrable evidence and is compelling.

Audience and Consumer Affairs has confirmed that *Lateline* met the editorial requirement for accuracy by making reasonable efforts to examine and critically assess the research that underpinned Mr Robertson's claims, prior to broadcasting them. That research included his email correspondence with the FAO, where he sought to specifically verify the sources of information upon which the FAO relied for its sugar series for Australia.

Mr Robertson established that the FAO's sugar series for Australia relied to a significant degree on ABS data for several decades until 1998-99, when the ABS discontinued its data collection on the grounds that it was unreliable. The responsible FAO researcher confirmed in writing to Mr Robertson that the FAO had used the last available figure of 35.7kg from its 1998-99 sugar series for Australia and continued to use it for subsequent years. That is, when the ABS stopped counting sugar after 1998-99, the FAO chose to continue publishing data, reproducing its 1999 figure again for 2000, and then continued publishing new data showing a figure of approximately 36kg per year. Audience and Consumer Affairs note that this absence of relevant, reliable data post 1999 appears to be confirmed in Figure 2 (A) of the Australian Paradox, in the form of the conspicuously flat line leading to 2003, where the series ends, despite the study spanning to 2010.

Despite the complainant's claim that Professor Clark's investigation "presents a comprehensive rebuttal of these allegations", we note his acknowledgement that the ABS ceased collecting data beyond 1999 because of its unreliability and his concern about the Australian Paradox authors' uncritical assessment "about the detailed methodology underpinning the FAO data in Figure 2, and had 'assumed' that it accounted for total sugar intake from their earlier research leading up to publication. I indicated that we both needed to check the facts."

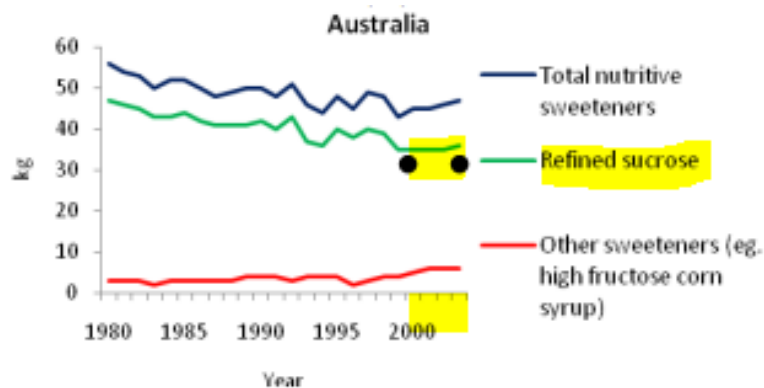
We note the complainant's reference to Professor Clark's view that "On balance I believe it was reasonable for the authors to have included the FAO data for these years in Figure 2."

Audience and Consumer Affairs cannot agree that this statement by Professor Clark confirms the data is accurate, or that it contradicts the written advice from the FAO to Mr Robertson. We are satisfied the FAO's advice to Mr Robertson that it used a simple algorithm for 1999-2003 that was based on 1999 data, not on genuine fresh observations of Australian apparent consumption, supports Mr Robertson's statements.

We are satisfied that *Lateline* made reasonable efforts to critically assess Mr Robertson's statements, which were clearly attributed to him in the report. The presentation of Mr Robertson's statements is in keeping with the Corporation's editorial standards for accuracy.

## APPENDIX:

## Australian Paradox: Why is the University of Sydney pretending clearly invalid/unreliable data are reliable?



Source: Figure 2A in *Australian Paradox* <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/OriginalAustralianParadoxPaper.pdf>

Readers, after 1999, after the ABS discontinued its data series as unreliable (and stopped counting), the FAO's data for 2000-2003 are conspicuously flat and dead-ending, stopping seven years before the end of the 1980-2010 timeframe. That the 2000-2003 data are made-up/falsified is self-evident to most, but the FAO also provided written confirmation:

FW: quick question on basic australian sugar data

Inbox x



MorenoGarcia, Gladys (ESS) <Gladys.MorenoGarcia@fao.org>

2/13/12



to me, Kari

Dear Rory

The "apparent consumption" or better 'food availability' can be found under Faostat Food Supply or Food Balance Sheet domains up to year 2007.

Food supply

<http://faostat.fao.org/site/345/default.aspx>

Food balance sheet

<http://faostat.fao.org/site/354/default.aspx>

In the case of Australia I have looked at the time series and there is some food of Sugar & syrups nes and Sugar confectionary the biggest amounts are under Refined Sugar where data is with symbol \* but it is calculated with following note:

'calc. on 37 kg per cap. as per last available off. year level (1999)'

The figure for 1999 and for earlier years come from: ABS - APP. CONS. OF FOODSTUFFS.

Regards

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<http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/FAOfalsifiedsugar.pdf>

In 2014, I provided the FAO's written 2012 confirmation that its 2000-2003 data are made-up/falsified to research-integrity investigator Professor Robert Clark AO: p. 4 <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/RRsubmission2inquiry.pdf>

Meanwhile, Brand-Miller and Barclay misled Professor Clark, describing their faked 2000-2003 FAO data as "robust and meaningful": p. 58 <https://ses.library.usyd.edu.au/bitstream/2123/15705/2/australian-paradox-report-redacted.pdf>

Professor Clark correctly assessed that "the Australian Paradox authors weren't sure about the detailed methodology underpinning the FAO data in Figure 2", conceding that "we both needed to check the facts" (p. 8). Instead, he and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Jill Trehwella suppressed hard facts, by recklessly "disappearing" key evidence (p. 21):

**Statements made by the Complainant alleging that the United Nations FAO has falsified data are serious, and do not appear to be based on detailed evidence or inquiry (see analysis of**

Only thus was the University of Sydney able to keep pretending that clearly faked/unreliable data are acceptable/reliable.

Rory Robertson

25 June 2018

**Letter to ABC lawyer re concerns about ABC's 2016 Australian Paradox Investigation Report online**

Dear Xxxxx,

Thanks for your note explaining that - from the ABC's perspective - the publication of the ABC Audience and Consumer Affairs [A&CA] *Investigation Report into the Lateline story Analysing the Australian Paradox: experts speak out about the role of sugar in our diets* on my website - <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/ABC-investigation-AustralianParadox.pdf> - is not ideal.

I agree. I think key ABC documents on public health and integrity matters should be published on the ABC's own website.

I used the weekend to properly ponder and write my response. I want to be reasonable, given that I claim my opponents in the *Australian Paradox* dispute have been unreasonable, indeed reckless in promoting a serious scientific fraud.

In your note, you argue that I should suppress the document now and forever. I do not agree. That would not be in the public interest. A key issue here is that University of Sydney Professor Jennie Brand-Miller and Dr Alan Barclay tried their luck with a series of false claims and caused the *Investigation Report* to be produced by the ABC at great public expense.

In my opinion, taxpayers should get to see what they paid for, particularly given that the *Investigation Report* confirms what I consider to be a serious scientific fraud at the highest levels of Australian nutrition-and-health science.

At least until you provide me with further information (my request is below), I am comfortable with the *Investigation Report* on my website because the A&CA investigation was to a large extent an investigation into the veracity of my well-documented critique of the 2011 *Australian Paradox* paper. My name is specifically mentioned in the *Investigation Report* more than a dozen times, including in the section headed "2.1.1.1 RR Statements". That section includes the following:

*We are satisfied that Rory Robertson represented a principal relevant perspective on the issues examined in the broadcast. We note that he is a senior economist...who is a highly credible and respected data analytics expert. It is our view that his extensive research on this issue and critical assessment of the Australian Paradox, particularly the data relied upon by its authors, is based on and substantiated by demonstrable evidence and is compelling.*

*...[highly relevant] research included his email correspondence with the FAO [Food and Agriculture Organization], where he sought to specifically verify the sources of information upon which the FAO relied for its sugar series in Australia.*

*Mr Robertson established that the FAO's sugar series for Australia relied to a significant degree on ABS [Australian Bureau of Statistics] data for several decades until 1998-99, when the ABS discontinued its data collection on the grounds that it was unreliable. The responsible FAO researcher confirmed in writing to Mr Robertson that the FAO had used the last available figure of 35.7kg [try 37] from its 1998-99 sugar series for Australia and continued to use it for subsequent years.*

*... Audience and Consumer affairs cannot agree that [University of NSW research-integrity investigator Professor Robert Clark AO] confirms the [FAO series for 1999-2003] is accurate, or that [his assessment - given his earlier published confusion about exactly how FAO data are produced] contradicts the written advice from the FAO to Mr Robertson. We are satisfied the FAO's advice to Mr Robertson that it used a simple algorithm for 1999-2003 that was based on 1999 data, not on genuine fresh observations of Australian apparent consumption, supports Mr Robertson's statements.*

**Xxxxx, that conclusion - "We are satisfied the FAO's advice to Mr Robertson that it used a simple algorithm for 1999-2003 that was based on 1999 data, not on genuine fresh observations of Australian apparent consumption, supports Mr Robertson's statements" - is a profoundly important finding for Group-of-Eight-university science and public health.**

So, if pressed to remove the A&CA *Investigation Report* from my website, I would probably appeal to ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie, requesting that the ABC publish the document on its own website.

For now, being the ABC's lawyer in this matter, please can you provide me with some clarity, by writing to me citing any particular laws, if any, you think I may have broken, and detailing any potential penalties to which I may be exposed.

I will use the rest of the space available below to explain the background and significance of the 2016 *Investigation Report*. This may become important in my defence were there to be any future legal action against me in this matter.

Notably, much of the material below is covered in the ***Five-year update on the University of Sydney's Australian Paradox fraud, and associated harm to public health*** that I provided to the Academic Board of the University of Sydney in February 2017: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/RRLetterSpenceMay2017.pdf>

## **Why it Matters: Background and significance of the ABC's 2016 Investigation Report**

### **1. Public health**

The ABC's excellent journalists and A&CA staff have confirmed my claim that the University of Sydney's 2011 pro-sugar *Australian Paradox* paper is an academic disgrace and a menace to public health, the latter because it tends to divert much-needed public attention from added sugar as a key driver of obesity, type 2 diabetes, heart disease and stroke.

The University of Sydney is falsely exonerating modern doses of sugar and sugary drinks as harmless, while people are dying: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-12/scullion-says-sugar-is-killing-remote-communities/7162974>

Given that ongoing harm to public health, there is a clear precedent for the ABC to publish: in 2014, citing potential harm to public health, it published the A&CA *Investigation Report* into ABC TV Catalyst's "Heart of the Matter" programs: <http://about.abc.net.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Catalyst-Heart-of-the-Matter-ACA-Investigation-Report.pdf>

### **2. Background and significance**

In response to *Lateline's* Australian Paradox program - presented by journalist Emma Alberici on ABC TV: <http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/health-experts-continue-to-dispute-sydney-uni/7324520> - **University of Sydney Charles Perkins Centre Professor Jennie Brand-Miller (and co-author Dr Alan Barclay?) wrote a 36-page letter of complaint to the ABC claiming a range of serious factual errors.**

The importance of the A&CA *Investigation Report* (2016) is that it confirms in detail that everything Emma Alberici and I claimed - and Professor Marion Nestle and other non-University of Sydney experts claimed - on the *Lateline* program in 2016 is factually correct (a.k.a. "accurate and impartial according to the recognised standards of objective journalism").

The *Investigation Report* also confirmed the similar claims that Wendy Carlisle and I made in the earlier, 2014, *Background Briefing* program: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/backgroundbriefing/2014-02-09/5239418>

Regarding the epic *Australian Paradox* fraud:

- # the *Investigation Report* confirms that Brand-Miller and Barclay have, for over six years, been recklessly exaggerating their evidence that modern doses of added sugar are not a key driver of Australia's obesity and type 2 diabetes crises;
- # the *Investigation Report* specifically confirms my claim that Brand-Miller and Barclay confused a 30% increase in sugary softdrink sales between 1994 and 2006 with a 10% decline (pp. 8-10) and that several of Brand-Miller and Barclay's own published charts - each trending up not down - clearly contradict their main 2011 conclusion of a "consistent and substantial decline" in sugar consumption over the 1980 to 2010 timeframe (see Charts 1-3, overleaf);
- # as detailed above, the *Investigation Report* specifically assesses my claim that Brand-Miller and Barclay are using faked/unreliable (scientifically unacceptable) data, to be well-based (see Chart 4 below; pp. 5-7 & 12-13 A&CA Report);
- # as noted, the *Investigation Report* specifically confirms the relevance of my detailed email interaction with the FAO in 2012; that is, before I went public with my concerns about the veracity of Brand-Miller and Barclay's preferred data series that conspicuously dead-ends in 2003 (seven years short of the relevant 2010 endpoint!), the FAO specifically confirmed to me that its sugar series for the 2000-2003 period is based on a single data point (37kg in 1999) from the ABS series that was discontinued as unreliable after 1998-99: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/FAOfalsifiedsugar.pdf> ; <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/New-nonsense-based-sugarreport.pdf> (Again, please see Chart 4, below).

Of course, Brand-Miller and Barclay had known for years about those catastrophic problems with their 2011 paper: <https://www.smh.com.au/business/economist-v-nutritionists-big-sugar-and-low-gi-brigade-lose-20120307-1uj6u.html> ; <https://www.smh.com.au/business/pesky-economist-wont-let-big-sugar-lie-20120725-22pru.html>.

Charles Perkins Centre’s published evidence of “consistent and substantial decline” in sugar consumption, 1980-2010

Chart 1: Australian sugary drink sales (litres per person per year)

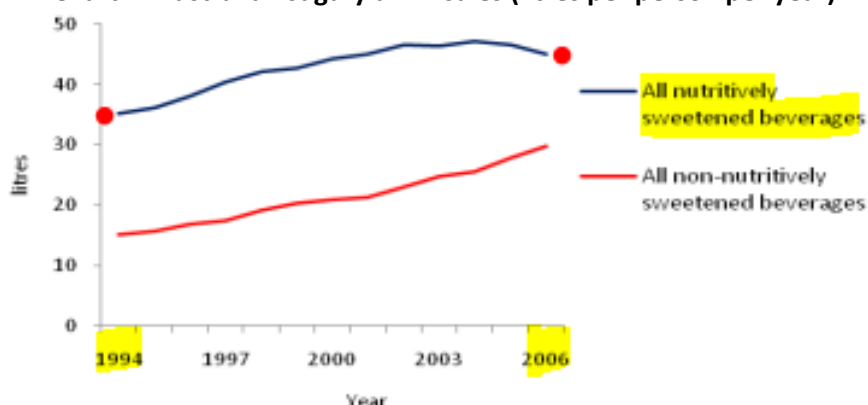
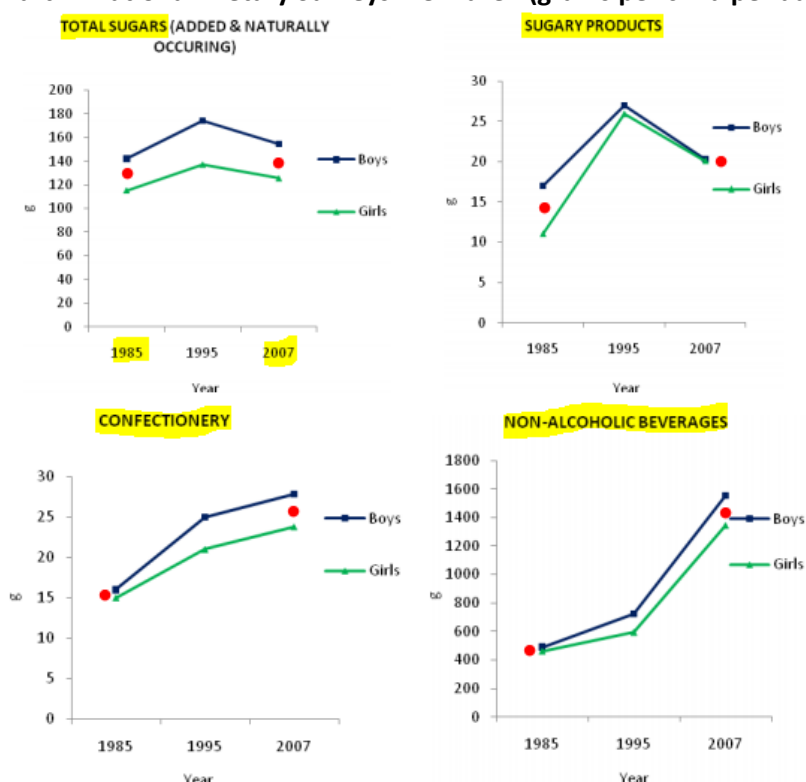
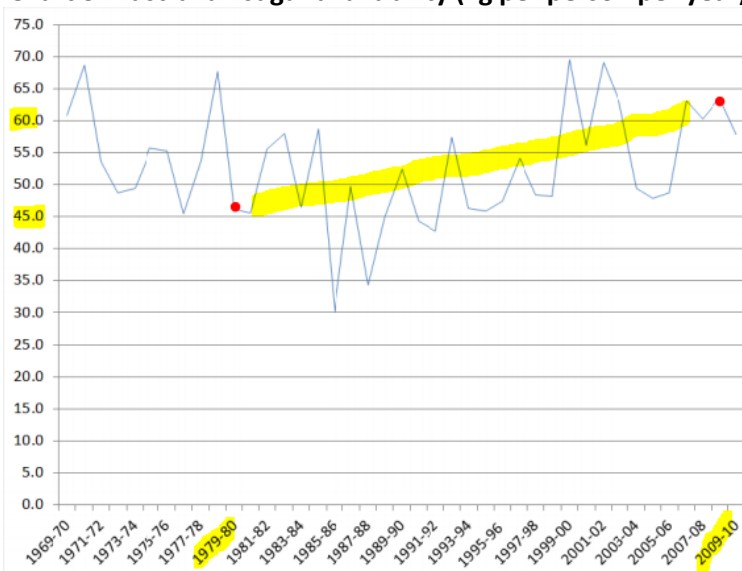


Chart 2: National Dietary Surveys – Children (grams per child per day)



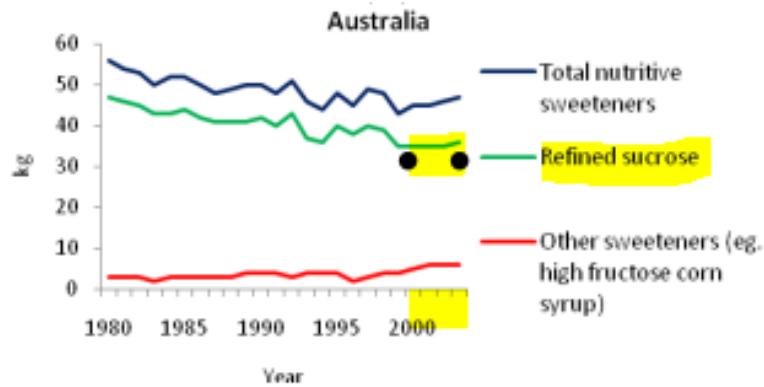
Source: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/OriginalAustralianParadoxPaper.pdf>

Chart 3: Australian sugar availability (kg per person per year)



Source: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/nutrients-03-00491-s003.pdf>

**Chart 4: FAO data faked, flat-lining and dead-ending 2000-2003, after ABS discontinued as unreliable**



Source: Figure 2 in <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/OriginalAustralianParadoxPaper.pdf>

So too, University of Sydney Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Jill Trehwella and her hand-picked investigator Professor Robert Clark AO also were advised that the key 2000-2003 data had been faked, before they conducted their *Australian Paradox* research-integrity Inquiry in 2014: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/RRsubmission2inquiry.pdf> ; <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/LettersProfTrehwella.pdf>

**Amazingly, the University of Sydney's research-integrity *Initial Inquiry Report* in 2014 disingenuously "disappeared" the fact that the FAO's data for 2000-2003 are faked/made-up/unreliable. That is, the University of Sydney simply "disappeared" my seven-letter interaction with the FAO, by claiming ridiculously that my observation that the FAO's conspicuously flat, dead-ending series for the 2000-2003 period is scientifically unacceptable - based on the FAO's own confirmation of that fact in response to my emailed inquiry - does *not* "appear to be based on detailed evidence or inquiry":** pp. 34-35 <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/Big-5-year-update-Feb-2017.pdf>

Clearly, University of Sydney Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research) Jill Trehwella and her hand-picked investigator Professor Robert Clark AO either incompetently or dishonestly "disappeared" key evidence that should have featured in their highly flawed **2014 *Initial Inquiry Report***: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/Letter-Academic-Board-Inquiry-Report.pdf>

Another senior figure long "in the know" about Brand-Miller and Barclay dishonestly promoting conspicuously flat-lining, made-up, dead-ending data as valid and reliable is the Academic Director of the Charles Perkins Centre, Professor Stephen Simpson. I know he knows the FAO data are faked/invalid because I told him in 2013, at Obesity Australia's summit at the Australian National University: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/LettersCPCProfSimpson.pdf>

What I do not know is why Professor Simpson and Professor Stewart Truswell – the main scientific author of NHMRC's *Australian Dietary Guidelines* - were so silly as to help Brand-Miller and Barclay publish unreliable sugar data in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition (AJCN)* in 2017, formally putting their names on the epic Australian Paradox fraud: p. 6 <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/USyd-Misconduct-in-ANU-PhD.pdf> ; <https://youtu.be/acXICYKEzy4?t=4827>

The "big picture" here is that University of Sydney Vice-Chancellor Michael Spence has overseen the six-plus years of serious research misconduct documented above. The significance of the ABC's *Investigation Report* is that despite our elite Australian Group of Eight universities promising taxpayers, staff, fee-paying students and global consumers of university research a unique devotion to "excellence" in research - and the University of Sydney enjoying ~\$400m gifted to it by taxpayers each year on that basis – the evidence is that neither distinguished University of Sydney scientists nor highly paid management provide competent, trustworthy quality control when it matters: p. 79 <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/Big-5-year-update-Feb-2017.pdf>

### **3. Brand-Miller and Barclay's response to the ABC's 2016 *Investigation Report***

All up, the ABC's 15-page *Investigation Report* highlighted to Professor Brand-Miller and Dr Barclay on 14 September 2016 that many of their *Australian Paradox* claims are false and/or misleading. Critically, the Report advised them that their preferred sugar series was - as I had claimed - discontinued as unreliable by the ABS after 1998-99 and then faked by the FAO for 2000-2003 as a conspicuously flat, dead-ending line segment. (Of course, they had known that for years.)

So what happened after the ABC in 2016 formally advised Brand-Miller and Barclay that their preferred FAO data series - on which their entire story relies – had been unambiguously confirmed as faked/made-up /scientifically invalid?

Well, treating ABC journalists - and the ABC as an institution - with absolute contempt, they did not skip a beat. They pretended nothing just happened. They kept on pretending that everything is fine. Along the way, they tried to suppress the *Investigation Report* so they could keep pretending that their extraordinarily faulty 2011 paper is basically flawless.

**The aim of their game remains to avoid the formal retraction of their 2011 Australian Paradox paper.** As you may know, formal retraction is the standard scientific response to extraordinarily faulty papers, especially those known to rely on falsified (a.k.a. scientifically unacceptable) data. There were over 1000 formal retractions in 2017 alone:

<https://www.the-scientist.com/?articles.view/articleNo/51195/title/Top-10-Retractions-of-2017/>

Amazingly, instead of formally retracting their profoundly faulty paper, Brand-Miller and Barclay “doubled down”, by publishing a new Australian Paradox paper pretending there are no problems. In 2017 - despite research-integrity investigator, University of NSW Professor Robert Clark AO's main *Initial Inquiry Report* recommendation in 2014 being for them to write a new paper that **"specifically addresses and clarifies the key factual issues"** I had highlighted in their 2011 *Australian Paradox* paper (including their use of conspicuously flat, scientifically invalid data) - they dishonestly kept on pretending that everything is just fine: p. 6 <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/USyd-Misconduct-in-ANU-PhD.pdf>

Outrageously, after duping Professor Robert Clark AO in 2014 with the story that flat-lining FAO data for 2000-2003 are “robust and meaningful”, Professor Brand-Miller was at it again earlier this month, misleading scientists on the veracity of her unreliable *Australian Paradox* data, at a major British Medical Journal/Swiss Re diet-and-health conference in Zurich, Switzerland:1:20:27 <https://youtu.be/acXICYKEzy4?t=4827> ; [http://institute.swissre.com/events/food\\_for\\_thought\\_bmj.html](http://institute.swissre.com/events/food_for_thought_bmj.html)

#### 4. Evidence of defamation

As documented on page one of this letter, the ABC's *Investigation Report* confirms the assessment that I am a diligent, determined whistle-blower who has been very careful with his facts in an effort to improve public health. The A&CA's independent assessment confirms that my claims about Brand-Miller and Barclay promoting - and their management supporting - a serious scientific fraud driven by simple errors and unreliable data (faked for 2000-2003), are well-based.

Further, the ABC's *Investigation Report* confirms as false the claim by Australian National University (ANU) academic Dr Jacqui Hoepner - in her faulty 2017 PhD thesis on "research silencing" - that I have been mindlessly attacking Brand-Miller and Barclay because of "moral objections", without any evidence that their *Australian Paradox* research is "invalid or deficient in some demonstrable way": <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/USyd-Misconduct-in-ANU-PhD.pdf>

Unfortunately, Dr Hoepner was too overwhelmed by Brand-Miller and Barclay's dishonest sad stories to bother to properly check the publicly available facts in the *Australian Paradox* dispute. She prioritised her career over mine, ignoring the available information to defame me as an unethical "research silencer" who is a menace to science.

Yet when I provided Dr Hoepner with clear evidence that Brand-Miller and Barclay are dishonestly promoting fake and unreliable (scientifically invalid) data as valid and reliable (see the Tweet on page 1 of the link above), Dr Hoepner simply “blocked” me on Twitter, unethically refusing to correct the blatantly false information she put on the public record.

**Much of what Professor Brand-Miller and Dr Barclay convinced Dr Hoepner to publish in her PhD thesis on "research silencing" is blatantly untrue.** Since Dr Hoepner didn't bother to check key facts, Brand-Miller and Barclay readily duped her with their disingenuous false claim that my objections to their *Australian Paradox* research amount to nothing more than "a couple of misprints" (p. 12 in previous link).

It gets worse: **For the record, I did not bribe University of Sydney Vice-Chancellor Michael Spence**, as alleged by Brand-Miller and Dr Barclay in Dr Hoepner's PhD thesis (see p. 1 in previous link; the receipt for my \$10,000 donation is on p.4).

NB: The faulty, lightweight ANU PhD thesis is reproduced in full at <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/2017-ANU-PhD-on-Research-Silencing.pdf> And Dr Hoepner's podcast series on "research silencing" is available here: <https://itunes.apple.com/au/podcast/you-need-to-shut-up/id1367884727?mt=2>

Xxxxx, the ABC's *Investigation Report* - which as you saw above confirms that Brand-Miller and Barclay are knowingly promoting fake/unreliable data as valid/reliable - will be a critical document in any defamation action I bring against the Charles Perkins Centre "scientists", the University of Sydney and/or the Australian National University.

Other key documents - beyond the ABC's *Lateline* and *Background Briefing* programs, and the various documents in my links above - might include: <https://bmcpublihealth.biomedcentral.com/track/pdf/10.1186/1471-2458-13-668> ; <https://www.smh.com.au/healthcare/research-causes-stir-over-sugars-role-in-obesity-20120330-1w3e5.html> ; <https://www.smh.com.au/healthcare/australian-paradox-author-admits-sugar-data-might-be-flawed-20140209-329h1.html> ; <https://www.foodpolitics.com/2016/03/sugar-in-australia-its-better-for-you/> and <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/RR-response-to-inquiry-report.pdf>

## 5. Concluding remarks

The ABC's *Investigation Report* (2016) confirms *Australian Paradox* (2011) authors Professor Brand-Miller and Dr Barclay are wilfully exaggerating their evidence that modern doses of added sugar - including via sugary drinks - are *not* a key driver of our obesity and type 2 diabetes crises. While the Charles Perkins Centre's scientists falsely exonerate sugar as harmless, people are dying, especially people who live in the sorts of remote inland places that Charlie Perkins lived as a boy: <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-02-12/scullion-says-sugar-is-killing-remote-communities/7162974>

As the public-health debate on the costs/benefits of a "sugar tax" warmed up in 2018, the Charles Perkins Centre duped high-profile commentator Piers Akerman and the Menzies Research Centre into believing the infamous *Australian Paradox* story is not based on shonky data: <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/australian-sugar-tax-debate.pdf> Despite all that, in May 2018 we got this: <https://www.science.org.au/fellowship/fellows/professor-jennie-brand-miller>

**Regardless, with the help of excellent ABC journalists, A&CA staff and many others, the *Australian Paradox* scandal has become what may now be the best-documented case of serious scientific fraud in Australian Group of Eight university history:** pp. 18, 28, 53, 64 and 79 <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/Big-5-year-update-Feb-2017.pdf>

In my opinion, the ABC should not try to suppress the profoundly important *Investigation Report* that Brand-Miller and Barclay forced the ABC to produce at great public expense. It is in the community's interest to be able to see clearly – via the would-be-secret ABC document - that taxpayer-funded University of Sydney's scientists and Charles Perkins Centre management are misleading the public with their false exoneration of modern doses of added sugar as harmless, via the deliberate promotion of faked, unreliable and scientifically unacceptable sugar data as valid and reliable (see Chart 4).

Finally, Xxxxx, again, please write to me citing any particular laws, if any, you think I may have broken, and the relevant potential penalties. Also, please can you provide me with ABC Managing Director Michelle Guthrie's email address?

Best wishes,

Rory

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**Master of Economics (Australian National University):**

p. 13 <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/Big-5-year-update-Feb-2017.pdf>

**Much of the high-profile opposition to proposed sugar tax in Australia is based on the *Australian Paradox* sugar-and-obesity fraud:** <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/australian-sugar-tax-debate.pdf>

**During National Diabetes Week, I wrote to the Department of Health about "The scandalous mistreatment of Australians with type 2 diabetes (T2D)":** <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/Expanded-Letter-HealthDept-type2diabetes.pdf>

**Here's the diet advised by Dr Peter Brukner, recently the Australian cricket team's doctor:** <http://www.peterbrukner.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/All-you-need-to-know-about-LCHF1.pdf> ; <http://www.abc.net.au/catalyst/lowcarb/>

**A life in our times: Vale Alexander "Sandy" Robertson (1933-2015):** <http://www.australianparadox.com/pdf/AlecRobertson-born2oct33.pdf>

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