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The Australian Meteorological and Oceanographic Society is disturbed by remarks made by Mr. David Murray on the ABC TV "Lateline" programme on 30 October 2013. From the transcript:

> EMMA ALBERICI: "The latest IPCC report - the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change - was written by 250 authors from 39 countries, subjected to a review involving more than 1,000 experts. What would it take to convince you of the science?"
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> DAVID MURRAY: "When I see some evidence of integrity amongst the scientists themselves. I often look at systems and behaviours as a way of judging something, and in this case, to watch the accusations that fly between these people suggests there's been a breakdown in integrity in the science."
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> (a full transcript of the interview is available at http://www.abc.net.au/lateline/content/2013/s3880680.htm)

The IPCC reports are an outstanding example of international science co-operation, rigour and transparency. They are subjected to multiple levels of review by experts both inside and outside the climate community, with all review comments and the authors' responses to them being made publicly available.

The Society regards the remarks of Mr. Murray as being a serious slur on the integrity of the many Australian and international authors of the IPCC report, and views them as highly offensive to those authors and to the profession at large. The Society calls upon Mr. Murray to withdraw the remarks.

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