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In defence of CSIRO

TERRY McCrann ("Treasury, CSIRO not credible", 29-30/5) fundamentally questions the integrity of CSIRO's science and as such demands a response. The article makes a number of assertions in respect to the "State of the Climate" report released in March by this country's two leading climate science agencies — the CSIRO and Bureau of Meteorology. At the core of these assertions is a graphic that appeared in the report that showed data with annual mean levels of methane and carbon dioxide in the atmosphere up to and including 2009.

We received feedback that the graph would be clearer if it showed the marks on the axis for the years referred to so that it would be clear the graph included data beyond 2000. We took this feedback on board, included the axis marks for clarity and sent a letter acknowledging the update to *Quadrant Online* where the issue had been originally highlighted.

CSIRO's research has produced a record of the accumulation of carbon dioxide and methane in the atmosphere that is unparalleled world-wide. Today every important laboratory across the world investigating the drivers of climate change draws on this unique observational data.

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