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To whom it may concern in the Australian Research Council

I am writing in support of Professor Ockie Bosch's application to the ARC for a research grant. I have known him for eleven years and can confirm that he has a very strong reputation in the international systems research community for three things:

1. His research contribution to systems thinking focused on how to work with multiple stakeholders on complex policy issues where there are competing economic, social and environmental values. In particular, I should mention his current research on the development of a UN 'biosphere' in Vietnam (a 'biosphere' seeks to integrate economic and environmental development to address poverty and sustainability concerns simultaneously). This has received a lot of attention in our research community because of the innovative methodology that Professor Bosch has developed for integrating scientific analysis and stakeholder engagement into policy making.
2. His visionary and facilitative leadership of systems research groups, first at Landcare in New Zealand, then at the University of Queensland, and now at Adelaide.
3. His development of highly innovative systems education programmes.

I should also mention that I have worked with Professor Bosch on the Board of the International Society for the Systems Sciences (the premier professional society for our research community). I have always found him to be a proactive and innovative thinker who is quite at home leading the kind of large and complex research project that he is asking the ARC to fund.

Yours faithfully



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