

# Discipline Case Digest



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**APPLIED BIOLOGY**  
Professional Accountability

File: 012-05

**Allegation:** A complaint was submitted against a College member alleging violation of the College Code of Ethics – in particular, Principle 1: Ensure that facts and opinions used to support advice, conclusions or recommendations are accurate and are represented accurately. The complainant alleged that the subject member in a letter in a local newspaper, exaggerated the scope of the issue, using unprofessional and inflammatory opinions based on invalid and confusing examples not relevant to the area in question and in offering this opinion also had a conflict of interest in that the subject member allegedly stood to gain financially from their comments on the issue in that the letter to the newspaper enhanced the subject member’s marketability as a biologist dealing with problem wildlife.

**Decision:** After a full and careful consideration of the material provided, the Discipline Committee decided that the complaint should be dismissed.

**Postscript:** Sometimes a differing of opinion can initiate a complaint against a member. Unless there is evidence of a contravention of the Act or Rules a complaint will be dismissed.