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Dear Dr. Dahe Qin and Dr. Susan Solomon,

As Review Editor of Chapter 6 *Paleoclimate* of the Working Group I contribution to the IPCC Fourth Assessment Report, "Climate Change 2007: The Physical Science Basis", I can confirm that the authors have in my view dealt with reviewers comments to the extent that can be reasonably expected. There will inevitably remain some disagreement on how they have dealt with the reconstructions of the last 1000 years, and there is further work to be done here in the future, but in my judgement, the authors have made a reasonable assessment of the evidence they have to hand. The other possible area of contention (within the author team) is on some aspects of sea-level rise - this has gone some way towards reconciliation but I sense not everyone is entirely happy.

With these caveats I am happy to sign off the chapter, to thank the lead author team for their co-operation, and congratulate them on the chapter

Signed: ... *John F. B. Mitchell*

Date: *8/12/06*

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