

Letters Ed  
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Dear Sir

On 16 January you published a letter by Energy Minister Frydenberg criticising aspects of Judith Sloan's earlier article on various deficiencies perceived in the National Energy Guarantee policy adopted by the minister. His occupancy of the letters page came despite him having published several media articles in support of NEG. On 18 January you published a letter praising Maurice Newman's article published on 17 January arguing that energy policy is based on "too many false predictions and unwarranted alarmism". But despite letters having been sent in response to Frydenberg's, none were published.

Yet you also published on 18 January a report by your environment editor that the latest edition of journal *Nature* includes a paper suggesting that even a doubling of carbon dioxide levels is unlikely to raise temperatures to IPCC prediction rates and that other scientists have said that a doubling could produce temperature increases "as low as 1C". Such scientists are reported as referring to other factors that have played a greater role in warming than acknowledged by climate models.

This is of course the conclusion reached by many climate analysts and is a major reason for the world-wide failure by government agencies in modelling predictions of potentially dangerous temperature levels. It is false to base our new energy policies on the supposed need to reduce carbon dioxide emissions perceived as raising temperatures. Yet that is what the "experts" advising Frydenberg are doing, and he is adopting.

Yours faithfully

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