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Dear Sir

The Climate Study Group has found it necessary to advertise its view that “the underlying theory and assumptions” of the dangerous global warming threat are not supported by climate models or past experience (“The Next Ice Age” 19/1). This view is similar to many others taken by climate analysts both here and overseas. Yet the framers of Australia’s policy have not examined that view and have not published reasons for rejecting the Group’s analysis. That analysis shows that increases in carbon dioxide are frequently followed by little or no increase in temperatures.

Yet on 18 January you reported that a paper in Nature has questioned the temperatures predicted by the IPCC from a doubling of carbon dioxide levels. It noted that some scientists are suggesting 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 modellers.

In fact, a failure to recognise natural influences is a major reason for the world-wide failure by government agencies to model predictions of potentially dangerous temperature levels. Such predictions are the basis for our expensive new energy policies, which require a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions because they are perceived as raising excessive temperatures. Yet that is what the “experts” advising Energy Minister Frydenberg are doing, and he is adopting.

Yours faithfully

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