





Glen Le Lievre

When Politicians Ruled the Earth

Patreon, 1 June 2024

Glen Le Lievre goes 'back to the future', to an era when (political) dinosaurs roamed the earth. The cartoon was published not long after the Opposition released its plan for nuclear energy and the government released its gas transition plan. Both approaches drew criticism from climate change activists. Here two familiar-looking dinosaurs argue over the relative merits of both approaches — and we know how things turned out for the dinosaurs.

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Johannes Leak

Nuclear Fallout

The Australian, 25 June 2024

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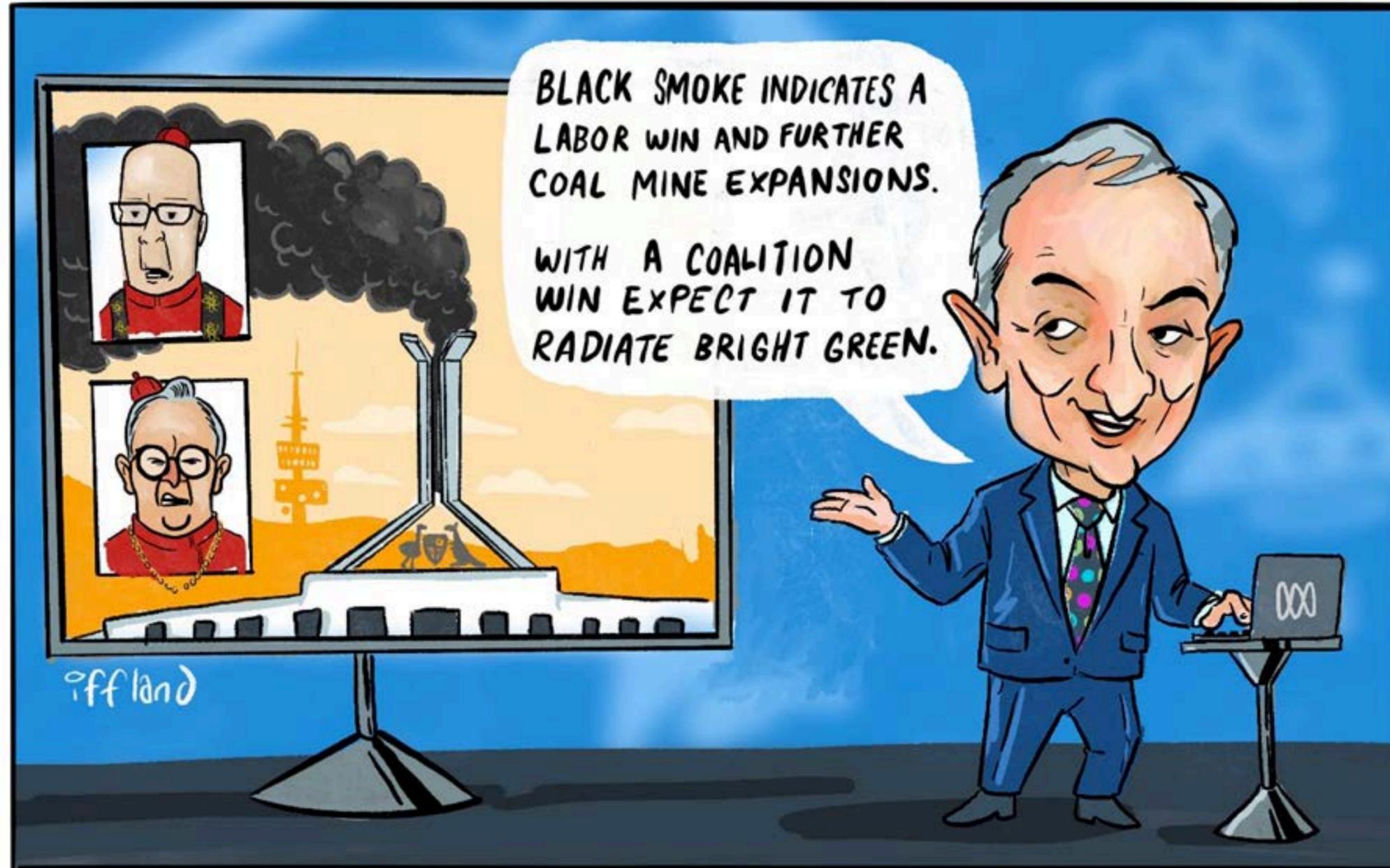
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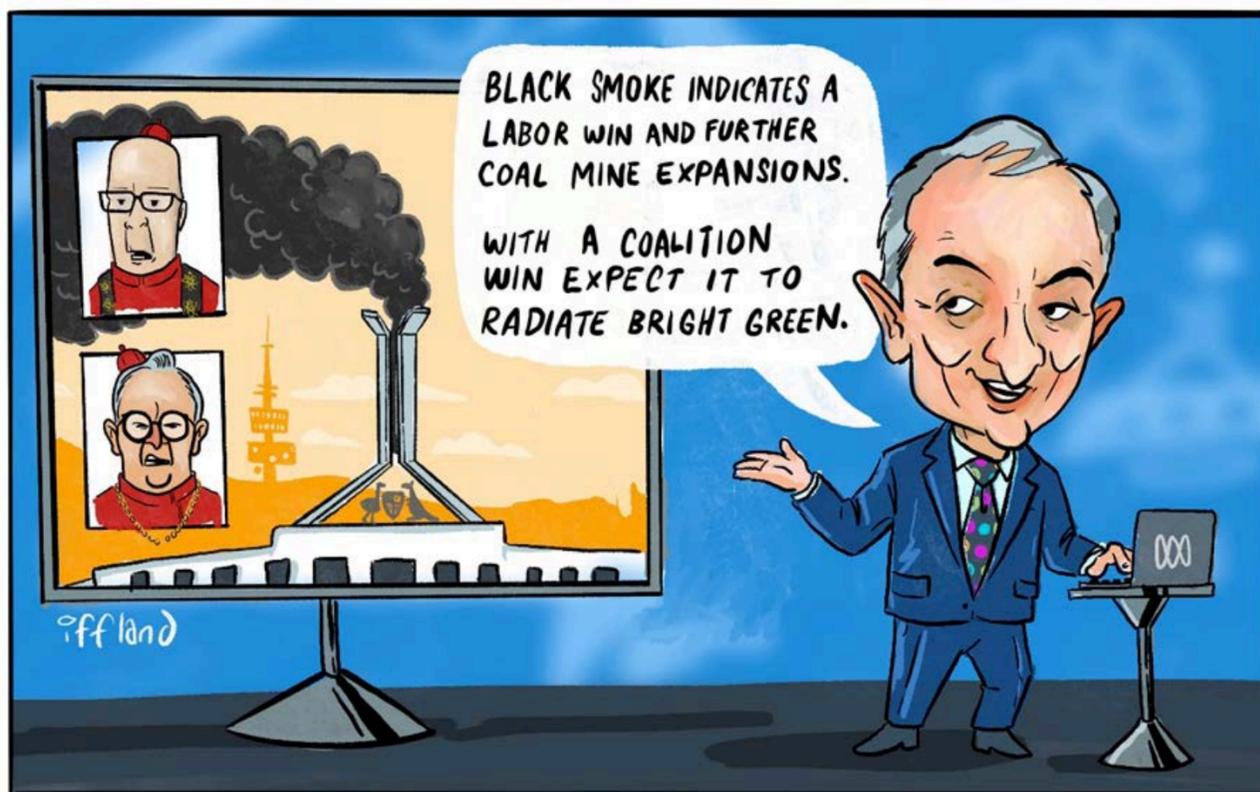
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Edmund Iffland

Has Antony Green Called the Conclave?

Self-published, 1 May 2025

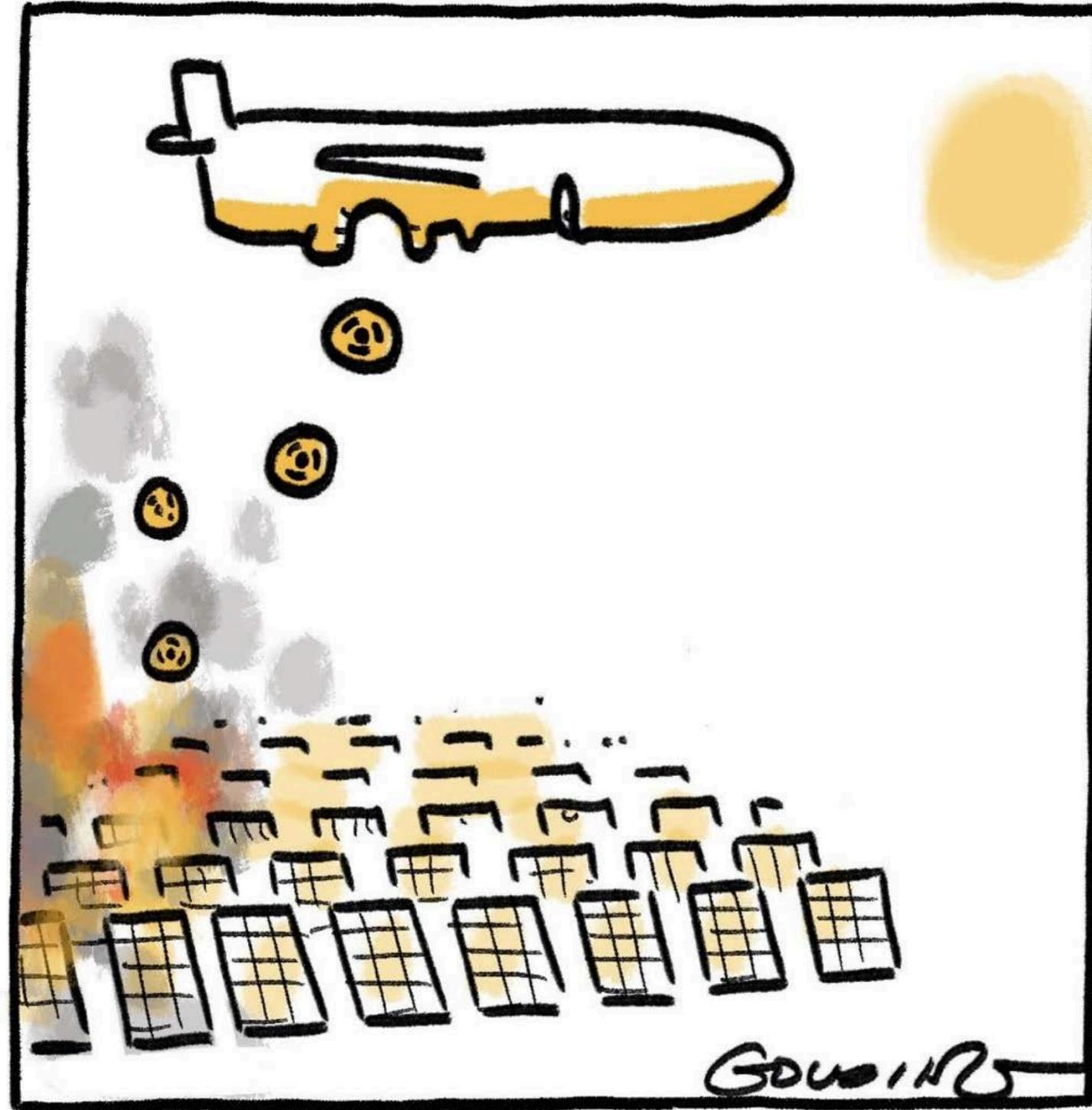
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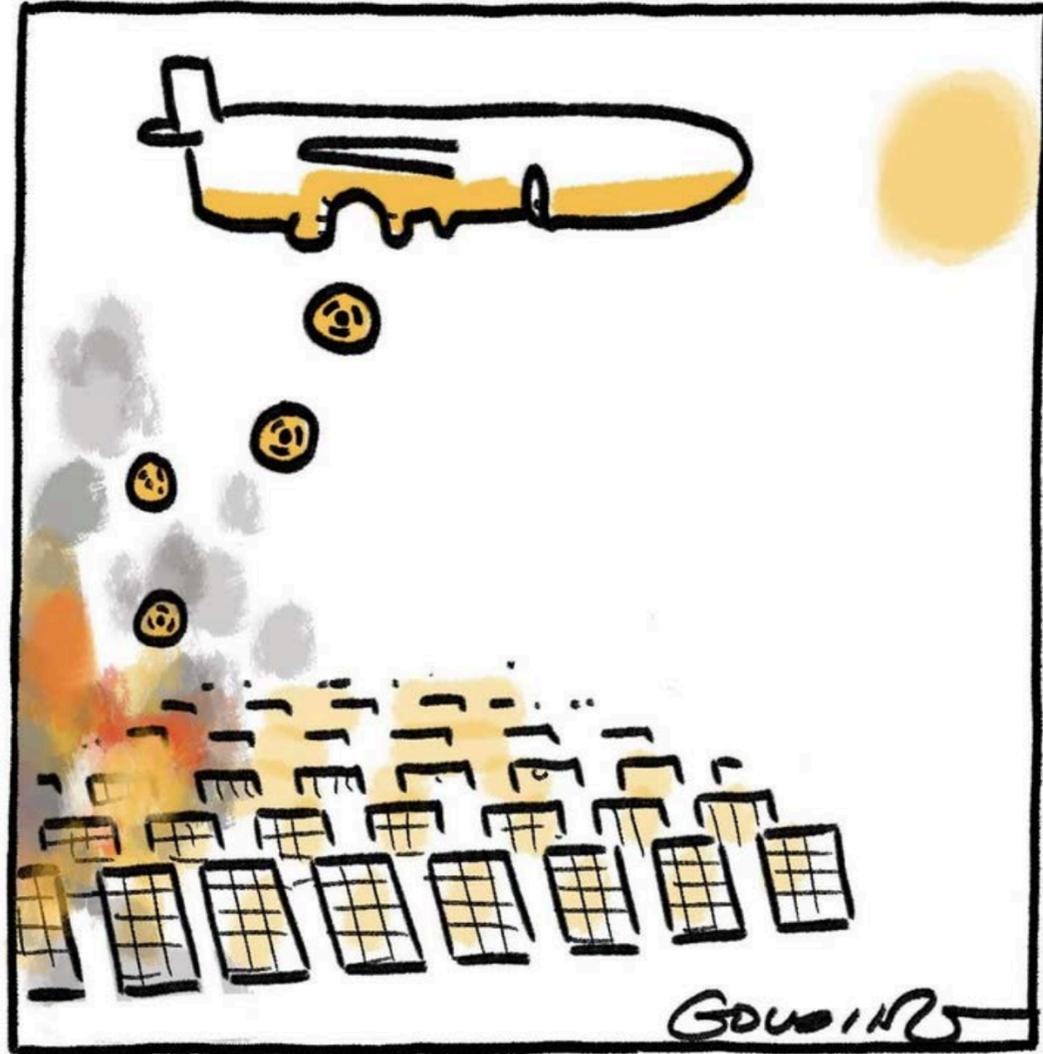
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Matt Golding

Dutton's Distract, Delay, and Destruct

Nine Paper, 21 June 2024

In June Opposition Leader Peter Dutton criticised the government's 'expensive all-eggs-in-one-basket "renewables-only" policy', claiming the best way to lower emissions was for renewables to work with nuclear power. In a press release, Dutton claimed 'zero-emission nuclear power plants produce no air pollution or carbon emissions'. Matt Golding suggests that the effects of nuclear power on the renewable energy industry might be more destructive than Dutton claims.

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The Australian Dream

The Australian, 20 May 2024

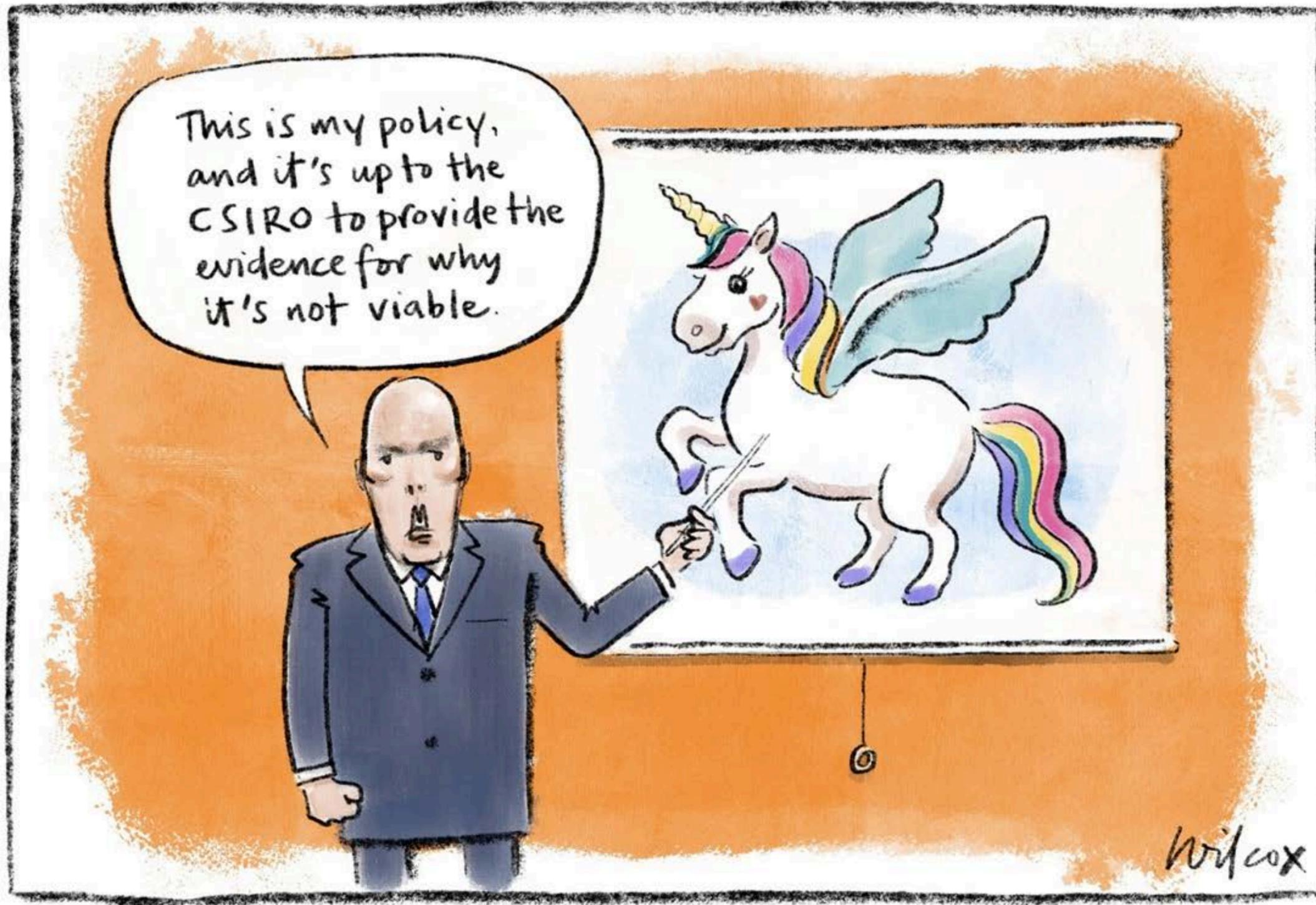
Included in May's budget was a Hydrogen Production Tax Incentive and various initiatives intended to position Australia as a 'global hydrogen leader' by 2030. At the time, Australia's richest man, Andrew 'Twiggy' Forrest, was trying to pursue an ambitious plan to produce hydrogen made from renewable energy, but by July he had to significantly rein in his aspirations. Johannes Leak suggests green hydrogen is only a costly fantasy, pursued at the expense of everyday Australians.

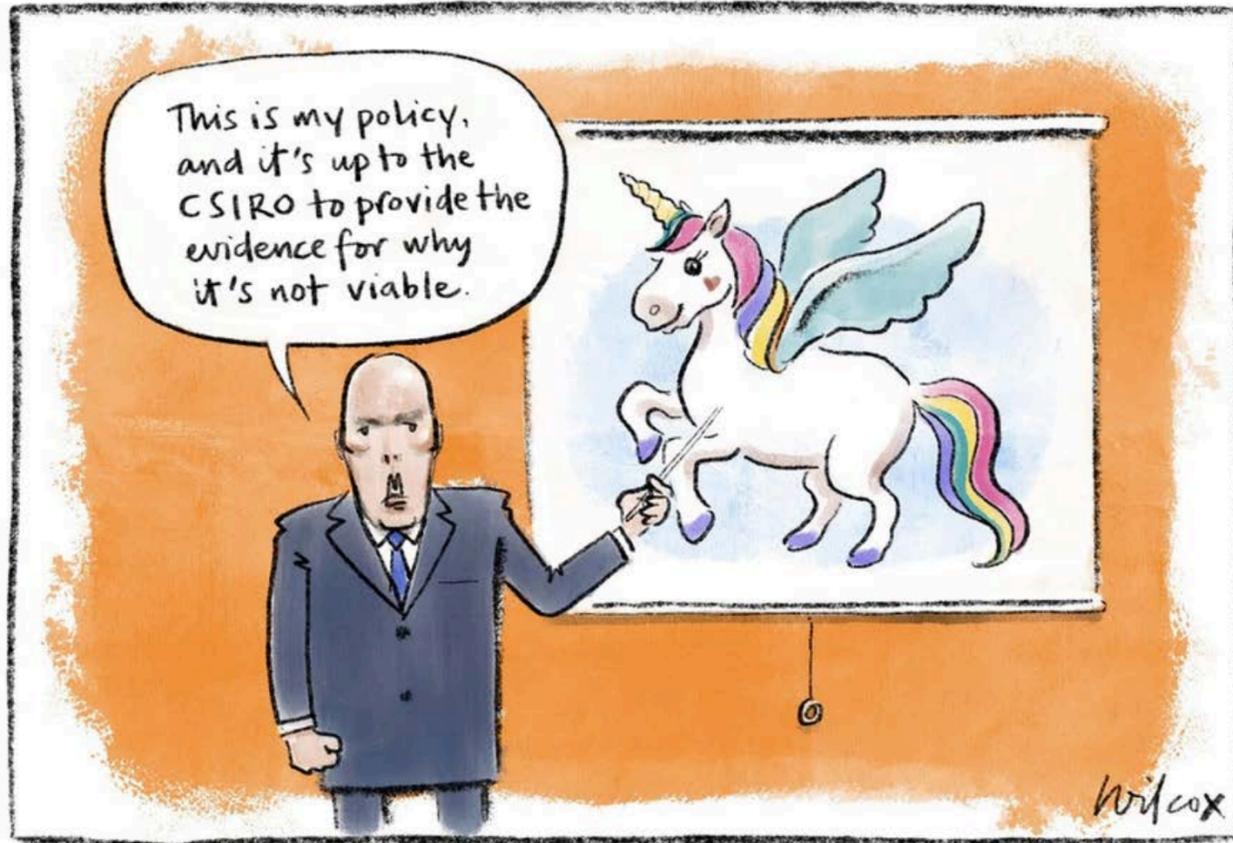
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Cathy Wilcox

Dutton's Policy

Nine Papers, 24 May 2024

Unicorns - winged or otherwise - are a popular metaphor in climate- and energy-themed cartoons, as Australia searches for viable and sustainable energy solutions. In May the nation's leading science institution, the CSIRO, released a report which found that nuclear power would be the most expensive new source of energy and would take decades to establish. Opposition Leader Peter Dutton dismissed the findings, calling the report 'discredited', a response that provoked the CSIRO to defend its scientists and their research.

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Jon Kudelka

Pick Your Poison

The Saturday Paper, 16 June 2024

Coal, gas, nuclear, wind, solar: as the great debate about how we should power the nation continues, it would seem all options have been on the table this year. Jon Kudelka takes us to sideshow alley, where politicians perform sleight-of-hand tricks for glum carnival-goers and try to distract us with cute koalas. Kudelka seems to be saying that these games are distracting us from all the fires and rising water levels.

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