



Pat Hudson

Accelerated Evoluton

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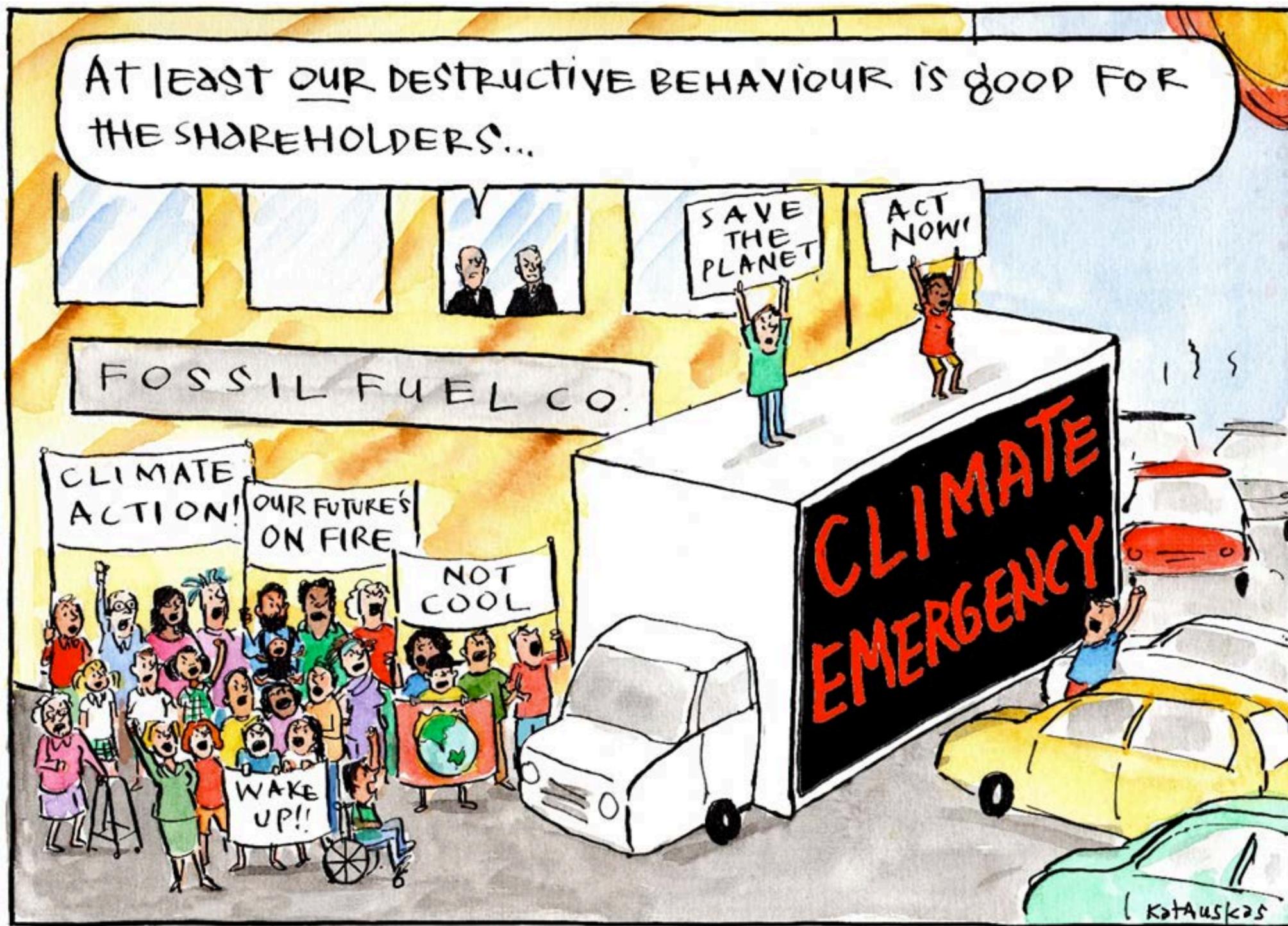
The popularity of the clown fish has grown exponentially since the success of the 2003 animated film Finding Nemo. Along with 1,500 other species of fish, its Australian home is the Great Barrier Reef. As Pat Hudson suggests, climate change, which causes warmer oceans and leads to coral bleaching, means it's now much easier to find Nemo.

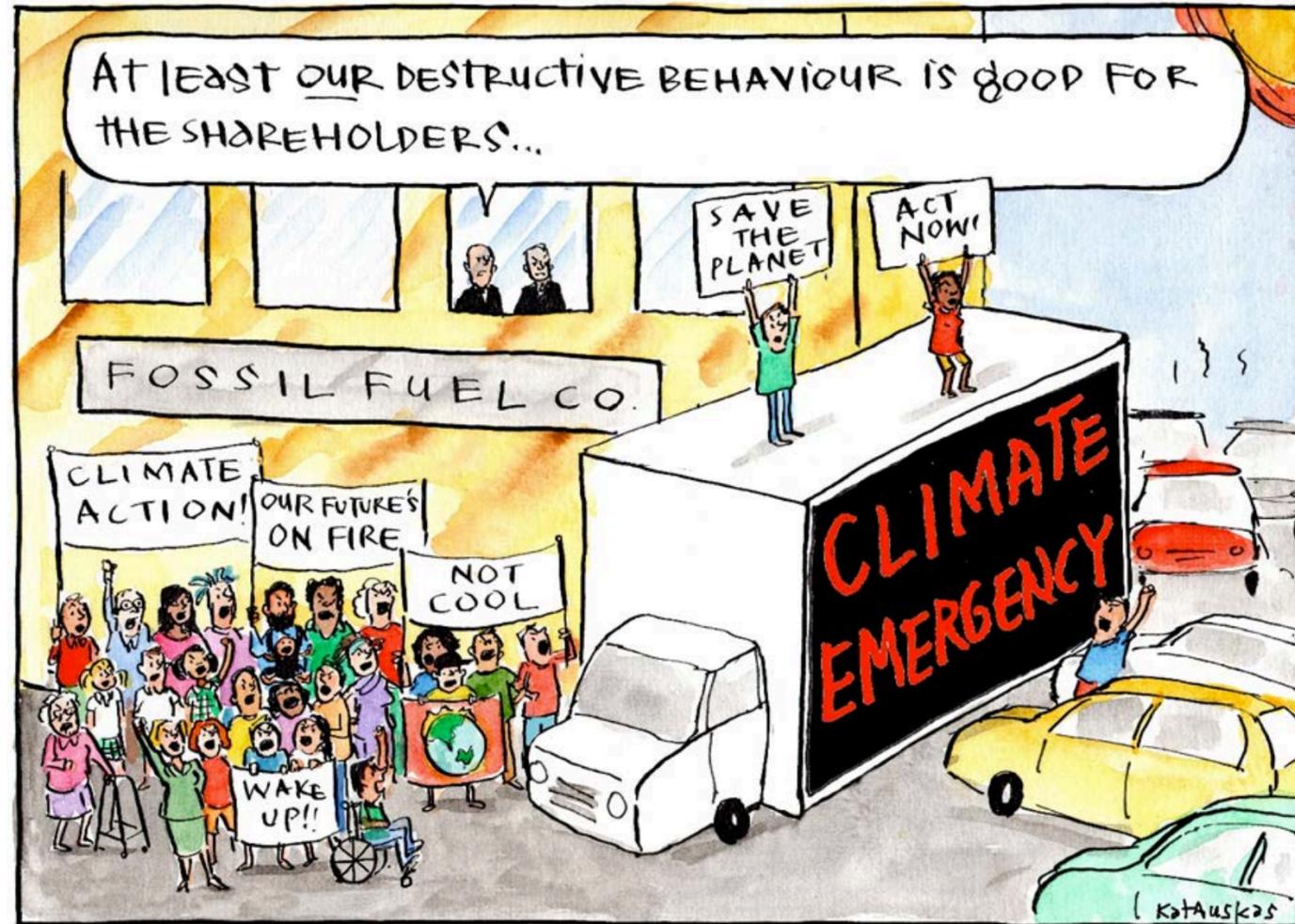
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Fiona Katauskas

Profits of Doom

The Guardian Australia, 9 March 2024

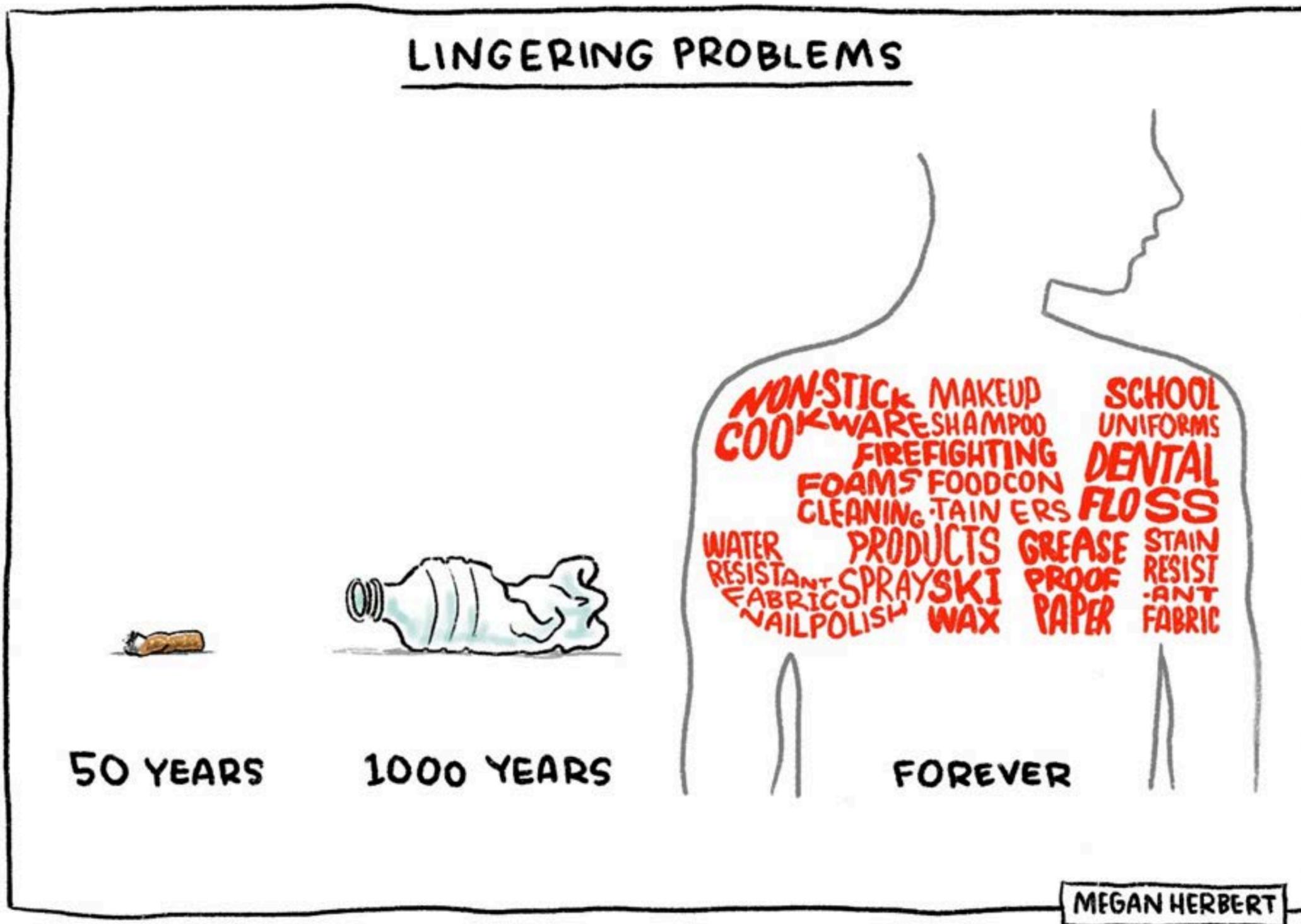
In March three protesters caused a two-hour traffic jam when they blockaded Melbourne's West Gate Bridge to protest climate change. Commuters were angry, a woman was forced to give birth by the side of the road and the protestors were given jail terms. But Fiona Katauskas' cartoon asks, who is the more destructive agent — the protestors or the fossil fuel companies?

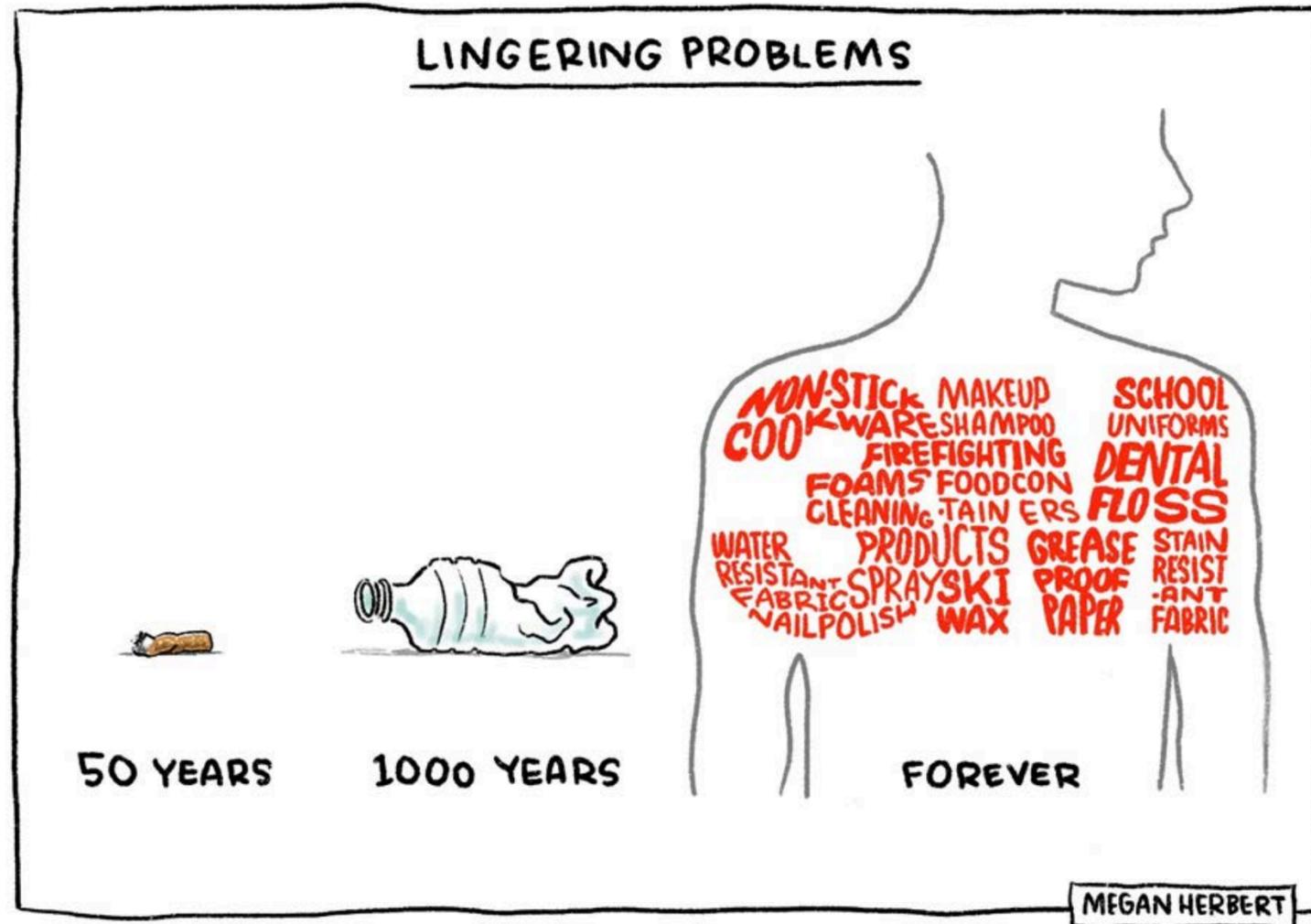
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Lingering Problems

Megan Herbert

Nine Papers, 6 May 2024

In April chemicals manufacturer 3M announced it would soon start repayments to US public drinking water systems as part of a multi-billion-dollar settlement over contamination with PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). Known as 'forever chemicals', PFAS are used in firefighting foam, some household items and waterproof clothes. Added to various products since the 1950s, they can take thousands of years to degrade. Although scientific evidence is currently limited, in recent years there has been concern over their impact on the environment and human life.

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Matt Bissett-Johnson

Native Forest

Melbourne Observer, 31 May 2023

Matt Bissett-Johnson's native Australian wildlife look amazed at the Victorian Government's decision to ban native forest logging on Crown land by 2024. Announced in the state Budget in May, the decision means an end to native forest logging in Victoria six years earlier than scheduled. The other state planning to end native forest logging by 2024 is Western Australia.

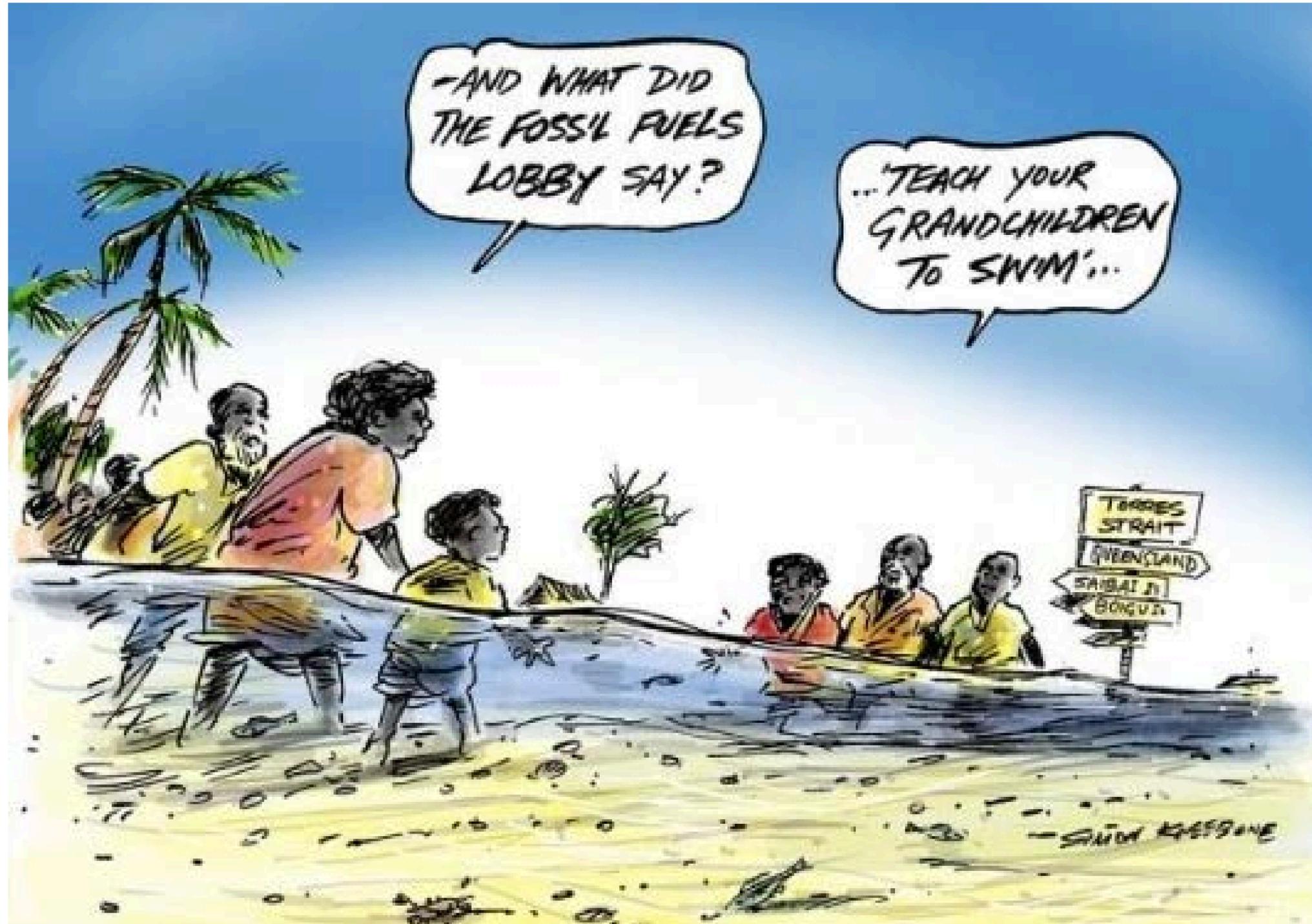
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Simon Kneebone

Learn to Swim

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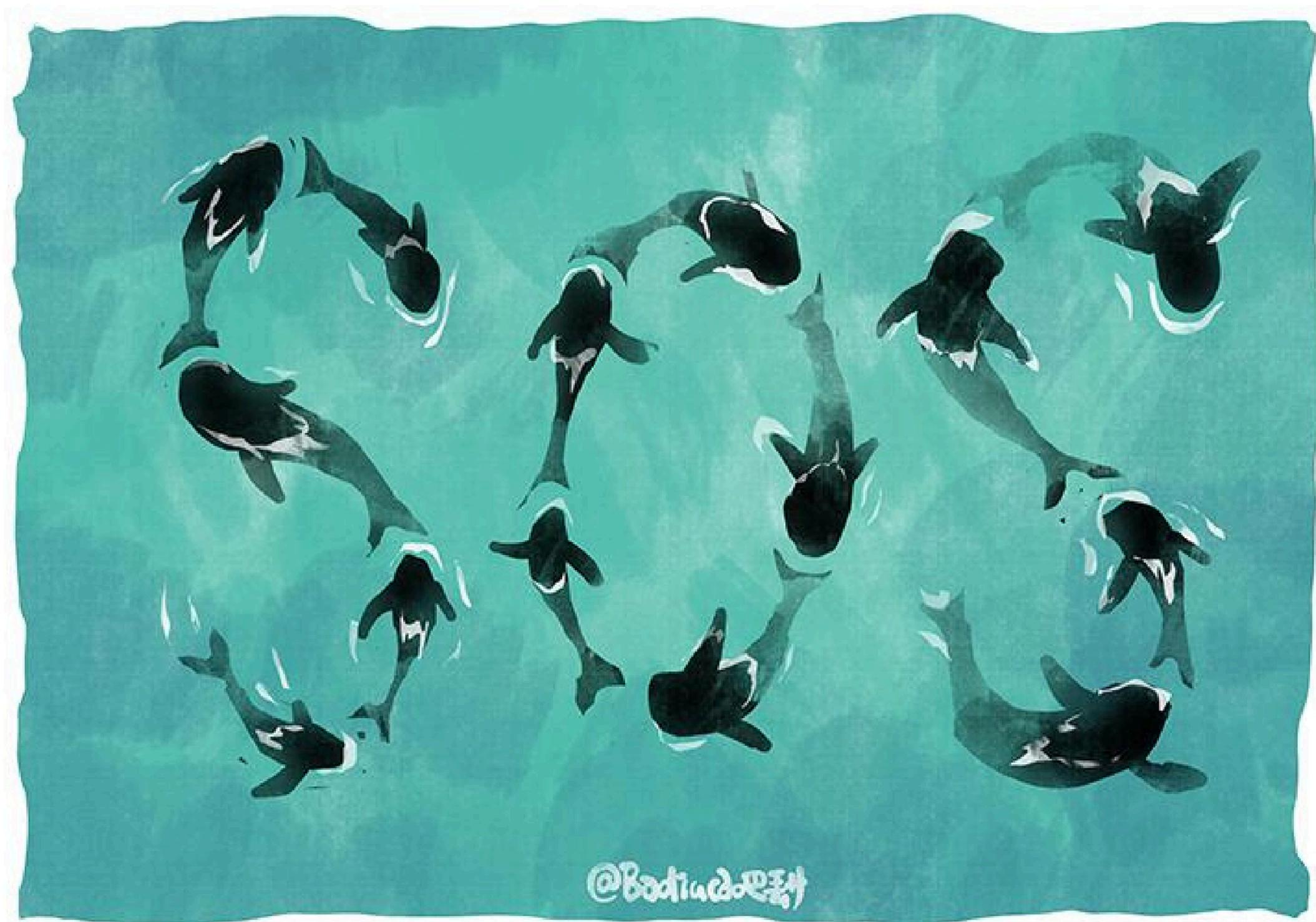
On 15 July the Federal Court of Australia ruled that the federal government did not owe Torres Strait Islanders a duty of care to protect them from global warming. Guda Maluyligal Traditional Owners Uncle Paul Kabai and Uncle Pabai Pabai had sued the federal government, arguing that it had breached its 'duty of care' to protect the islands' residents from the impacts of climate change and that their 'homes could disappear beneath the rising seas, making [them] Australia's first climate change refugees'.

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Badiucao

Pilot Whales' WA Mass Stranding

The Sydney Morning Herald, 31 July 2023

A mass stranding of a pod of 97 long-finned pilot whales in Western Australia in July 2023 drove Badiucao to create this cartoon, which carries an urgent environmental message. While they didn't actually spell out 'SOS', of course, the whales did exhibit strange and unprecedented huddling behaviour before the stranding. Long-finned pilot whales are usually found in cold waters, and the reasons for the stranding are not clearly known.

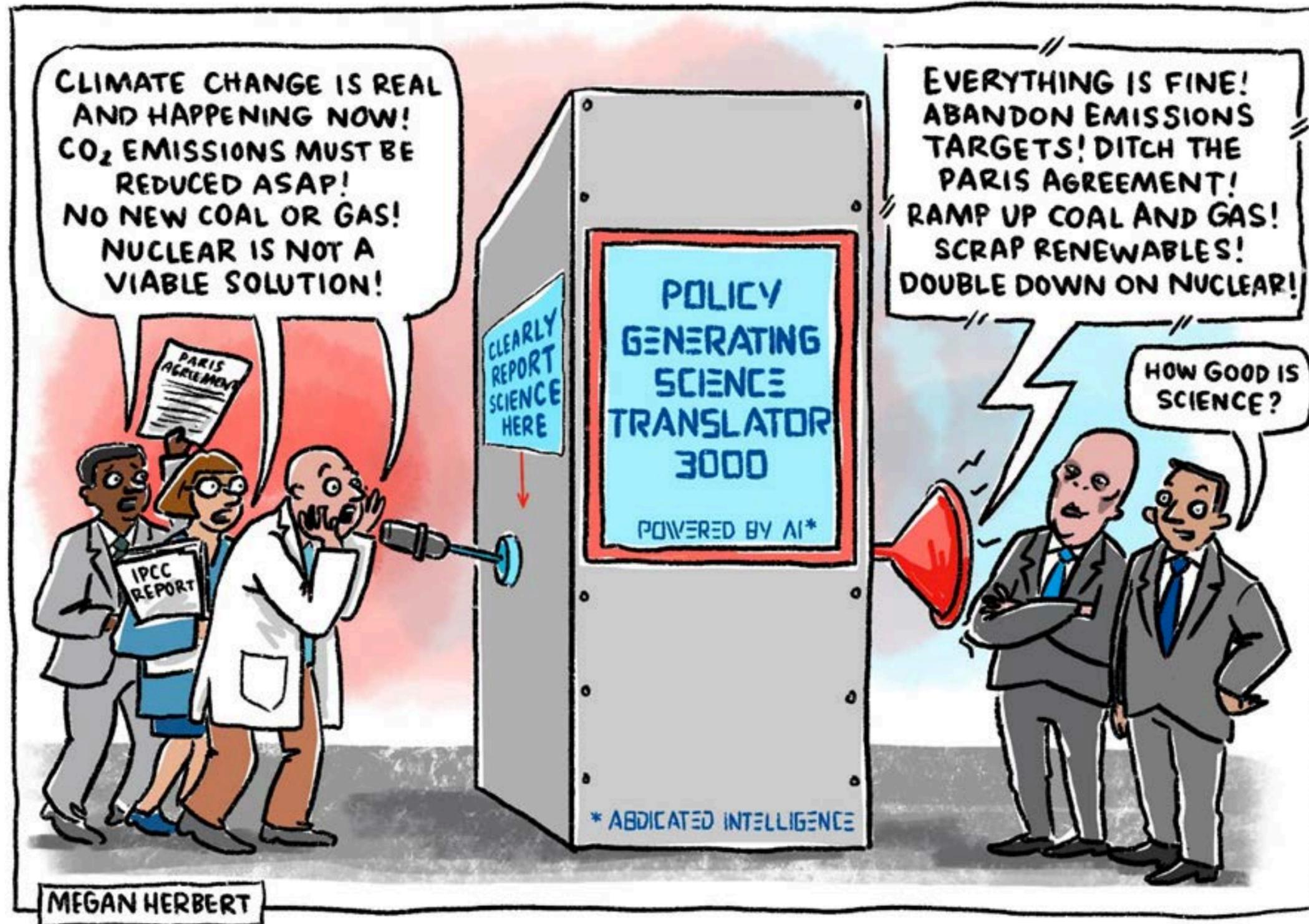
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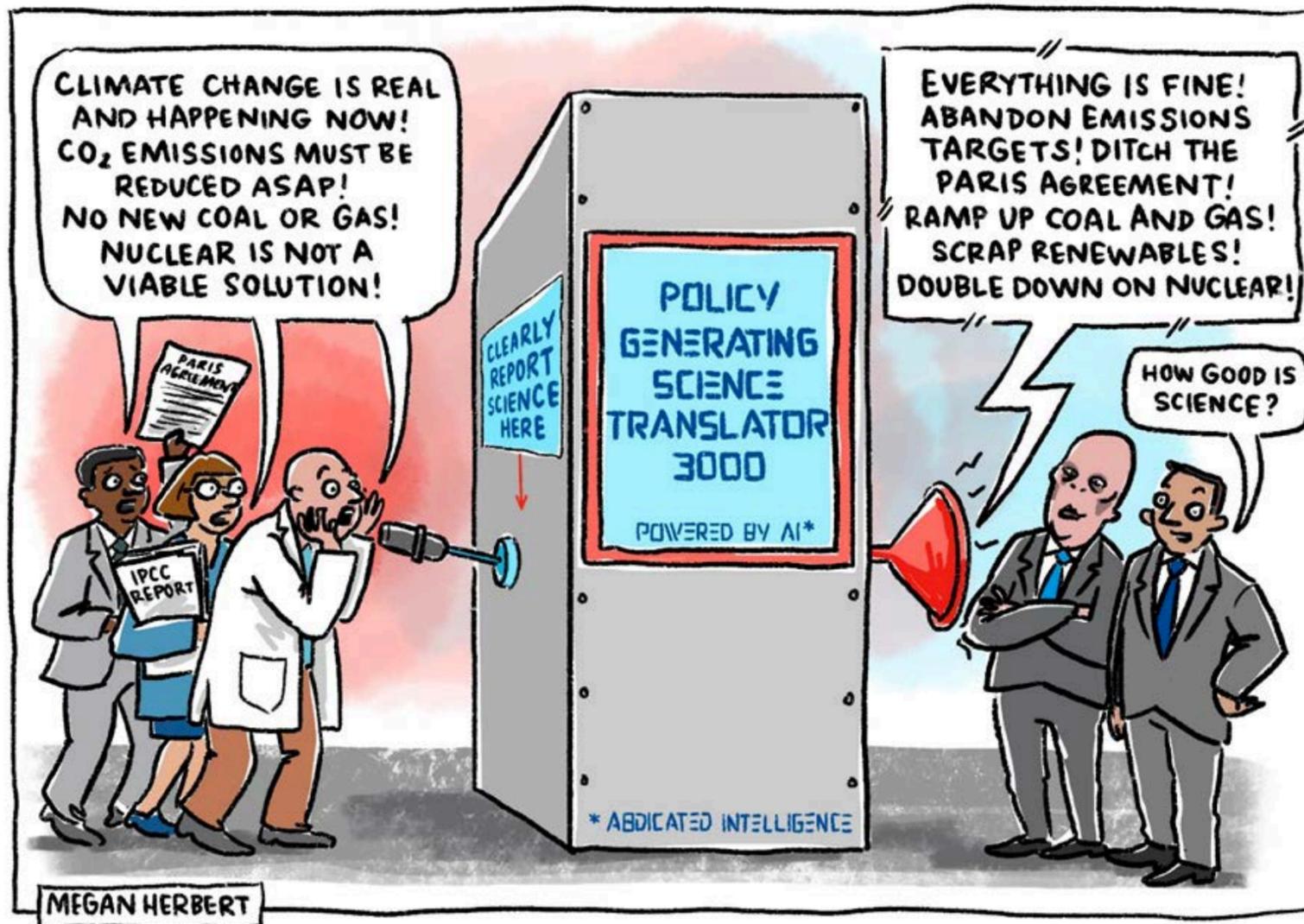
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Megan Herbert

Lost in Translation

Nine Papers, 10 June 2024

Megan Herbert conjures up the computers that used to star in various 1950s and 1960s TV shows and films. Her 'Policy Generating Science Translator 3000' is adept at taking scientific data and the findings of the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2023) and translating them into language that matches some politicians' pre-existing policy aims.

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Cathy Wilcox

Have a Think

Nine Papers, 27 May 2025

The brief Coalition split after the disastrous federal election result was based on a disagreement about policies. A recognition that the Coalition needs a more effective climate policy to win back voters was rumored to be one point of contention.

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Cathy Wilcox

Priorities

Nine Papers, 17 September 2025

September saw the release of the National Climate Risk Assessment by the Australian Climate Service. The Department of Climate Change, Energy the Environment and Water described it as 'Australia's first nationally comprehensive look at how climate change could affect the systems we rely on'. The report detailed sea-level rises, increased deaths from heatwaves and the impact of climate change on the Australian property market, which could see close to a million homes possibly uninsurable by 2050.

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