

The Pirates of Copenhagen

To The Editor
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Dear Sir,

The Somali pirates have nothing on the bunch who turned up in Copenhagen, seeking to plunder the world and divvy up the loot under the guise of 'saving the planet'. I heard even Mugabe was there, after reducing his nation from rich Rhodesia to poor Zimbabwe, looking for a handout under the latest fable, 'the Carbon Debt' supposedly owed to the poor countries by the rich countries. There is only one carbon debt, and that is the debt every inhabitant of this planet owes to carbon dioxide. Without adequate amounts of this in the atmosphere, plant life suffocates, and we could not grow enough crops to feed the population. To quote Freeman Dyson 'The fundamental reason why carbon dioxide in the atmosphere is critically important to biology is that there is so little of it. A field of corn growing in full sunlight in the middle of the day uses up all of the carbon dioxide within a metre of the ground in about five minutes'.

Surely it's time to confront the immorality of scaring children witless with images of 'threatened bears' (polar and koala) and 'dying' reefs and then exploiting their fears with cheap political stunts. Thank goodness some honest scientists were given front page support in the latest Weekend Australian - the Great Barrier Reef is not going to be destroyed by human activities, and too many people have been crying 'Wolf' for too long, destroying the credibility of scientists.

Please, no more talkfests, whether in Mexico (hotter than Copenhagen) in 2010, or Cairns (no snow yet reported there also) in 2011. The money would be better spent on improved and reliable water, power and transport systems. Education about how this country became prosperous would also be a good investment into a prosperous future otherwise we can descend from A to Z (Australia to Zimbabwe) faster than in a Mad Max movie.

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