

Suzuki made me a climate sceptic

After watching David Suzuki talking about climate change, I am now a true believer and believe all Australians should also embrace it. Please believe me climate change is real — it is called summer, winter, autumn, spring. I remember Sydney in the 1950s and '60s when the tarmac on the footpaths melted. I have not witnessed that since. Good bye Tim Flannery and all of your kind and top marks to Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

Ron Granville

Labor contest also lacks female candidates

What a bizarre "presidential" election we are witnessing at the moment. Two Labor luminaries crossing the country to solicit votes to become Opposition leader in the federal Labor Party. In the meantime, Chris Bowen is standing in for them both — and not a woman in sight, but I haven't heard one whinge from the opposite gender — what a surprise! This election is almost as long as the one we have just had to elect a federal government. The Labor lot have not learnt anything from the drubbing they received almost three weeks ago.

Lesley Beckhouse Queanbeyan

Relevancy of uni degrees should also be tackled

I agree completely with the need to cap the numbers and quality of students being accepted into universities and following that to fund only those courses where degrees are relevant and the graduates are both employable and needed.

Quality will always beat quantity in the long run and always has. We all saw what happened with the banks a decade or more ago when they chased quantity of

loans over quality of loans that resulted in huge write-offs of their bad debts. Unfortunately, I don't think they have learnt a lesson. The new Federal Minister for Education is, in my opinion, on the correct track in this matter and should be applauded.

CH Ainsworth Kingscliff

Southern suburbs playoff a most welcome prospect

Like most Sydneysiders residing south of the Harbour Bridge, I am salivating at the prospect of the South Sydney Rabbitohs and the Sydney Roosters belting their opponents into submission in this weekend's semi-finals and then facing up to each other in the Grand Final next Sunday. Fingers crossed for both teams to progress and on ya Bunnies to send the Roosters' feathers flying on October 6 at ANZ Stadium.

Eric Palm Canada Bay

Potential terrorism at home needs addressing

Terrorists in Kenya shot and murdered people who were non-Muslim and spared those that were. Terrorists in Pakistan exploded a bomb in a Christian church murdering non-Muslims. It is time to publically acknowledge that these cowards are targeting innocent civilians based solely on their religion. They are intolerant of religious and other freedoms and want the world to be as their credo states, with terrorism an acceptable tool to achieve their goals. Now we have Muslim members of our country who wish to be treated differently based on their religion.

This is despite Australia being democratic and with one rule of law applying to all people. Is there an element of this community in Australia who will

turn to terrorist acts should they not achieve their aims? If so, what is being done to prevent it? These are sensible questions being asked by Australians, but not being aired for fear of upsetting the community. Recent events prove these questions are valid and answers are being demanded.

Tim Kerr-Thomson Lake Haven

Women also responsible for domestic violence

NSW Police Assistant Commissioner Mark Murdoch urges blokes to stand up to woman-beaters (September 21) and I believe this infers that domestic violence is a male crime against women.

The NSW Auditor General found that 34 per cent of domestic and family violence incidents recorded by police in 2010 involved male victims and 30 per cent involved female perpetrators. Not only are these people denied services as a result of their gender, they are ignored by media reports as well.

Greg Andresen Coogee

Indonesian land grab doesn't add up with aid

I read that Indonesia wants to purchase thousands of hectares in the northern part of Australia. So why do we provide millions of dollars in aid to them when they can afford to buy our land? Seems we are actually giving them the money to buy our land. A bit odd don't you think?

Why don't we give them the land and save millions of dollars. Better still give them a lease on a peppercorn rent for 25 years. That way we keep our land. This fulfils our international obligation to the less fortunate and makes us feel happy and fuzzy inside. Take this one on board Mr Abbott.

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