

# Your Letters

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## Earth is cooling

Your correspondent Ben Marshall accuses Case Smit of "cherry picking", "faith" and "conspiracy" theory in his "war on science".

The speculative hypothesis that Mr Smit has been critical of in the past is that human carbon dioxide emissions are causing dangerous global warming.

A scientist's job is to test such hypotheses, and here's a test. Since 1998, global average temperature has failed to increase.

Over the same period of 11 years, carbon dioxide content of the atmosphere has increased by more than 5%, thanks partly to human emissions. Mr Smit is right to observe that these facts invalidate the popular, but wrong, hypothesis of global warming.

Mr Marshall also states that "week after week, new findings (about climate change) come in from around the world in many branches of science".

He's right about that, but then draws the wrong conclusion.

Because these findings show that the human effect on global temperature, be it warming or be it cooling, cannot be measured because it is buried in the noise of natural climate variation.

As the Royal Society of London concluded in a recent report:

"It is not possible to determine exactly how much the Earth will warm or exactly how the climate will change in the future", and until it is we would be wise to be prudent.

Prudence indicates that the most likely climatic threat over the next few decades is global cooling.

Imposing expensive and unnecessary carbon dioxide taxation will only waste, to no environmental benefit whatever, the wealth that Mr Marshall wishes to preserve for the benefit of his grandchildren.

The appropriate response to all climate change, be it natural or hypothetical human-caused change, is to prepare better for it and adapt to it as it occurs.

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## IN BRIEF

### Hard to buy Australian

I would like to reply to "Name supplied" (SNN, November 2).

My apologies to Pat Rafter if I was wrong, but are you telling me that Bonds were not closing down and going overseas?

I always buy Australian made if I can, but it is getting nearly impossible these days.

I love this country and I just hate the way Australia is being sold off with no thought to the future of our young people.

**TONY TAYLOR**

### Halloween gets scary

Where were the parents of the band of more than 15 trick-or-treaters romping around Sunrise Beach?

These petty ingrates announced their presence at several homes in the suburb by screaming and shaking on security doors, thus terrifying elderly residents.

Putting aside the ludicrous nature of begging to strangers for junk food after dark, trick-or-treaters should be accompanied by adults who, hopefully, know better than to scream at an old lady: "Go and get us some chips!"

**CAITLIN MOORE**

*Brisbane*

### Help in hour of need

I'd like to express my appreciation to those who without doubt saved a life in the early hours of Friday, October 15. To the dispatch officer who took my 000 call, to ambulance officers Troy and Caitlin (from Coolumb), to Nambour Hospital Emergency Department staff, particularly Dr Andrew and Dr Joe, to the staff of the Intensive Care Unit at Noosa Hospital.

How fortunate we are in this community having honourable and professional people ready to respond day or night in our hour of need.

**DEBBIE NOYK**

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