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To: Letters, The Press

Dear Sir,

Dr Jan Wright is the one who has got it wrong about the science of sea level rises and climate change, not Professor Bob Carter. When results and theory diverge it is the theory and theorists that are unscientific, not the observers and the results.

As Professor Carter pointed out the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPPC) models predicting past and present sea level rises, are contradicted by the facts – around here at least.  Simple observations to determine changes in sea levels around our coast, easy at places like Duvauchelle, or by the frequency of spring-tide flooding of Teddington flats, indicate no sea level rise which would be obvious had the modelled 15+ cm sea level rise occurred, so the model does not work.

No matter how desirous the IPCC and Dr Wright may be to persuade us otherwise, prosaic facts trump even the prettiest theories in science.

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