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SMS 2 ED

■ Alison 16/8, please tell us the % increase in Australian emissions in the past 4 yrs?

Boris, Tton

■ re subdivisions at Highfields. No more please. We moved here 40 years ago for the peaceful serenity and under advice from then council subdivisions with less than 2000sqm blocks would NEVER be approved. Don't spoil what's left of this unique place. We have sufficient services. Most people travel to Toowoomba at least two times week even if they don't work. Why did they move here? High density is local govt grab without providing additional infrastructure arterial roads required for additional traffic.

DR, Hflds

■ The Downs Hotel Drayton. Me and my friends' sacred site. Everyone else stay out. Be respectful.

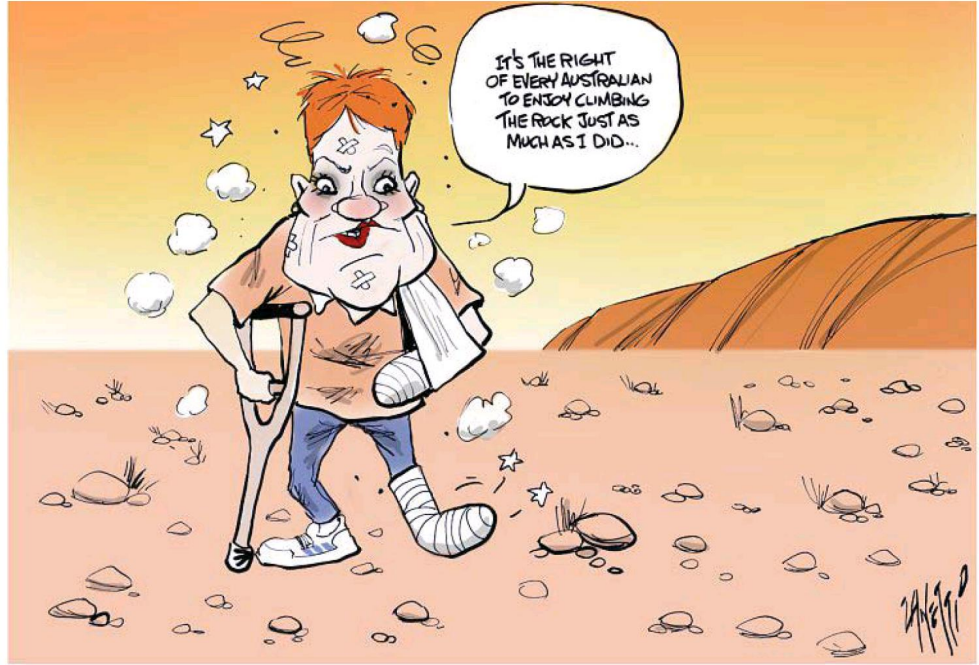
AJ, Wilsonton

■ Uluru is not a sacred site it's being made into one by the activist type. Look up Paddy Uluru and see his views.

MET, Redwood

■ Echo valley moto-x would be good to see in 10 things to do this weekend I would go.

Dazz, MM



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CONSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION

PETER Knobels letter (TC, 31/07), regarding the recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian constitution, ends that we should "not get caught up in what could prove a very divisive debate".

The writing is on the wall: the mere mention of recognising ATSI's in the Australian constitution is a Pandora's Box waiting to unleash its plethora of unexpected troubles and mischief on the populace.

Successive federal governments have proven themselves time-and-

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BIBLE THOUGHT

"Labour not to be rich: cease from your own wisdom. Will you set your eyes on that which is not? for riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward heaven." (Proverbs 23:4-5 AKJV)

Money will not last forever. Put your faith in God.

time-again to be calculating, cunning and conniving when it comes to matters of national importance that stir the emotions of Australians, create great animosity within communities, hostility and divides within families.

Nothing like a giant red herring to divert attention away from the government's vain attempts to address our diminishing living standards and ever-increasing costs of living, as well as its failure to provide the necessities of life that we are supposed to enjoy as an inherent right.

I doubt many have really considered the actual implications of recognising ATSI people in the Australian constitution.

But I bet some social engineers and do-gooders can't wait to kick this football about.

Regrettably and unfortunately about the whole consideration is when the public debate officially begins many ATSI peoples are likely to get caught-up in the media whipped-up frenzy that will be railroaded by the few who really have nothing to lose.

Once ATSI people get their recognition it won't be long before essential financial, health, education, housing,

social support and aid programs geared to them will be incorporated into others, totally absorbed by bureaucracy and then culled.

I witnessed similar happenings before during the 10 years or so I worked with the Aboriginal peoples of central and north Queensland.

The Australian government will cite that the fact that ATSI peoples have been recognised in our Australian constitution and that we are all Australians who are treated equally without difference to race, skin colour, religion, or otherwise.

The certainty albeit is that ATSI people will become the most disadvantaged people in society who will be like spectres - their plight and suffering disguised and hidden, just as the reality of poverty and homelessness among non-ATSI people is concealed.

GEORGE HELON, Toowoomba

POWER

ALISON, your response to my letter on coal power is partly correct. Six people have died in coal accidents last year. How many have died in other industries?

Name an industry that doesn't have

ONLINE POLL

SATURDAY: Will you see John Farnham at Carnival of Flowers?
TODAY: Have you received a higher than normal gas bill recently?

YES: 23%

NO: 77%

ers of birds. Solar panels need regular cleaning to remain at peak capacity, and according to all reports, will need to be replaced after a period of time. Both are unreliable and entirely dependent on the weather.

Going green has almost doubled our electricity costs. Can you tell us, how many deaths can be directly or indirectly attributed to old folk, pensioners, those on low incomes, who can't now afford to pay the high cost of power, sitting in the dark, eating cold food, having cold showers, sleeping or more correctly trying to sleep in cold rooms because they can't afford heaters?

It's easy to be critical, but it's necessary to be fair.
RAY HARCH, Toowoomba

PROTESTERS

IT is a shame the ferals (protesters) are allowed to hold up traffic. They should protest in King George Square or in an area over the weekend and not do it during the week and during peak hour. It affects too many people and I will tell the protesters do something useful like find a job.
STEPHEN BOYCE, Booval



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