

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cost of renewables is hurting Australians

I SUGGEST the hard times are Labor's doing, particularly Bowen's crazy addiction to the climate hoax. It's an own goal.

The unwarranted cost of renewables is putting up all energy costs across the board. This is what is really hurting Australians financially. I suggest this is the biggest cause of increasing costs.

Another issue is that while other countries like China and India are putting huge amounts of carbon into the atmosphere, anything we do will not increase carbon levels.

The moral argument is ridiculous. Putting Australians out of work when what we do does not contribute to carbon levels is plain wrong.

Irwin Cozens, Tatton

COLONISED UPSET

An article titled 'Controversy erupts in Young over New Madinah College principal's anti-Semitic remarks', published by About Regional, 15 January 2025 by Edwina Mason, centred the upset caused by comments made by Sheik Abdulghani Albaf, rather than the injustice that underpinned the valid comments.

Sheik Albaf commented: "every day the ugly truth of Zionists is being exposed... All their extremism and terrorism is being exposed. Those in power that can stop this are standing back and applauding the Zionist regime... May Allah stop the Zionist terrorism regime... May they burn in the lowest pits of hellfire for their oppressions and aggression".

Sheik Albaf's remarks echo sentiments of many who've witnessed the 77 years and ongoing persecution of Palestinian people, under what is a genocidal Zionist regime, which has intensified since October 2023, where hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, predominantly children, have been killed or injured.

Here, leaders have largely remained silent on the atrocities committed by Israel, which have shown utter disregard for international law, and the very essence of our shared humanity - but have instead chosen to react to Sheik Albaf's comments; a symptom of privilege.

Michael McCormack MP stated that if the Sheik "stepped one toenail out of line again," his position should be reconsidered. McCormack added, "We need harmony, unity, and social cohesion... We don't need these sorts of people coming into our communities and upsetting everybody."

McCormack conflates Judaism and Zionism. Inherent in McCormack's comments is that those critical of the Zionist regime should know their place and not forget it in this settler-colony. He uses typical "white-wash" words which strip accountability from the conversation that needs to be had.

For 15 months people have gathered outside of McCormack's office, weekly, in the interests of peace grounded in justice and accountability, but in all his preaching about what "we" need, "we" have not seen him on the front line fighting for it.

McCormack uses words like "our" and "everybody" to speak of upset to the white-settler experience of regional society, which is so easily upset when reminded that it itself, is an occupying regime on stolen lands.

Jayne Christian, Wagga

KEEP RATES IN CHECK

The lowering of the prime interest rate to 0.10 per cent is a recipe for a disaster.

Australians have been misled.

As people cannot earn income from interest on investments they moved their monies into property and /or shares.

This movement of monies caused the val-

ue/price of property especially residential to accelerate to dizzy heights making it virtually impossible for young and some senior families to acquire ownership of their home.

Monies were placed into nonproductive areas which does not assist our standard of living.

The increase in value of residential properties has caused rents to rise to dizzy heights so that people obtain an acceptable return on their capital value. Share values have reached dizzy heights with price to earnings ratio well above the acceptable 1:15 ratio.

The projected outcome is that there will be a major correction to both property and share values.

In the late 1980s and early 1990s, I was paying 18 per cent interest on our home loan with CPI running at 14 per cent.

I am not saying that we should return to those sorts of interest rates on a home loan. I am advocating that prime interest rates should not go below 5 per cent to maintain a cost to the use of monies and to ensure that money is used in a proper manner within the local and national economy and to obtain an equilibrium within the economy.

James Hamilton, Wagga

NO FIRE SEASON?

The Californians are doing it tough. So many properties and lives have been lost in fires reminiscent of our black summer. Astoundingly this is in the middle of their winter. It seems their fires have resigned themselves to now having no 'fire season'.

With rising temperatures worldwide, I wonder how we would cope here in Australia without a safe time of the year to burn off. We really need to work harder to stop the world's greenhouse emissions.

Tom Hunt, Oak Flats

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