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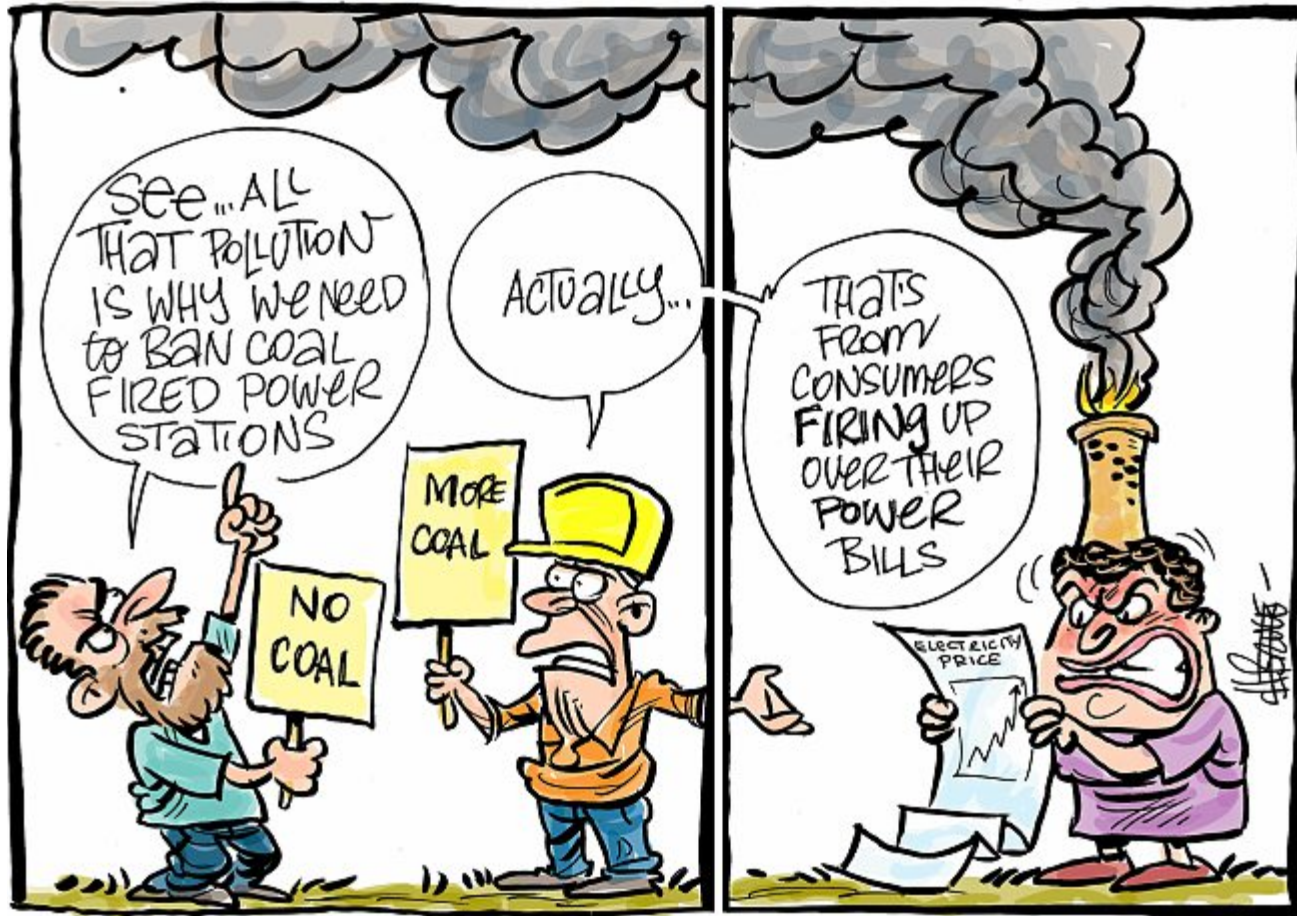


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➤ HARRY'S VIEW



Energy Emissions Audit: Electricity Update, July 2017) confirms 'that higher wholesale electricity prices, and hence higher retail prices in SA are almost entirely caused by higher gas prices.

Technical data on power station performance makes it possible to calculate the quantitative relationship between the two sets of prices.

The two largest gas fired power stations in SA are Torrens Island B and, when it is operating, Pelican Point.

According to AEMO data, Torrens Island B has a sent out efficiency of 28.5%, meaning that 12.6 GJ of gas are burned for each MWh of electricity sent out.

This means that an

increase in the price of gas from \$5 per GJ in Q1 2016 to \$9.5 per GJ in Q1 2017, will increase the fuel cost of Torrens Island B by \$57 per MWh, or just under six cents per kWh.

The corresponding increase at Pelican Point, which is much more efficient, but much smaller, would be \$35 per MWh. No wonder retail electricity prices have gone up in South Australia.

A similar, though less stark effect is seen in the other mainland NEM states.

This is not a malfunction of the National Electricity Market, but precisely how it was expected to operate, when set up.

The launch of the NEM in 1998 was followed by a rush



An Ergon Energy worker trying to restore power to a power line.

of construction of gas turbine power stations in Queensland, NSW and Victoria, and even in Tasmania, accelerated in

Queensland by a gas generation mandate policy introduced by the state Labor government.

It was envisaged that both the much lower greenhouse gas emissions and the superior operational flexibility of these power stations, compared with coal, would make them ideally suited to supplying hour to hour and day to day variations in demand for electricity, while also reducing emissions, by using a (then) relatively low cost source of fuel. How circumstance have changed?

To paraphrase ol' smokin' Bill Clinton 'It is the free market, mate'.

— Ian Ward
Red Hill

IN MONDAY'S MORNING BULLETIN

for granted

soldiers, murderers and prostitutes who, whether or not they belong to any particular organisation, are professionals. The reason they are professionals is they put the subject matter of their work above (especially immediate) personal interest.

They stand up for a "good" that they think is right or required. They do the task justice. They do it regardless of what they might wear and regardless of what others think. They take the consequences. This is the only mark of a professional, everything else is fluff.

Long-time readers will know that for many years I railed against the Financial Planning Association (FPA), an organisation of which I am now the local representative. You may think that change a little odd, but for a time at least (beginning around the time of the "tie incident"), the FPA undertook enormous efforts to, and from within, reform the financial advising industry, in the process losing many disgruntled members from the "old-guard". You have to give credit where due. And business can be lonely – there is a place for well-run,

forward thinking, inclusive organisations that represent whatever industry.

Be that as it may, in my 17 years of dealing with the public, I have never been asked if I am a member of the FPA, and I suspect few accountants, doctors or even prostitutes have been asked about their alignment with their particular industry organisation either.

In the end its trust that matters, and trust a personal thing.

Those who have a genuine claim to it are true professionals, and clients who can recognise it will rarely go wrong.

➤ FACEBOOK

Randwick St residents are living in fear caused by a tenant living in a housing commission unit

Housing commission need to take action and responsibility as they put this man in here. I thought if more than three complaints and you'd be evicted

— Cheryl Reynolds

➤ TEXTS TO THE EDITOR

SMS the Editor on 0428 634 025 with the word **ROCK** and a space in front of your message.

■ Moose Depot Hill

congratulations Cameron Munster. He should wear the Maroons No 6 for the next 10 years. Glasby had a good game also.

■ **PP, Fville.** A great spectacle on North Rocky High oval the other arvo; in excess of 150 kids, ranging in age from 4 to 16, involved in athletics, rugby league, soccer training, netball etc. Great to see (& plenty of parental support).

■ **ROD, PA.** Re Ardent NSW Supporter. I tried to confirm how NSW supporters reacted after winning an origin series but couldn't find any footage.

■ **Anon, Rocky.** NSW supporter from Marmor says he just grins and basks in the glory when his team wins, this is the problem with NSW, they lack the passion and pride, maybe if your team won more than once a decade you may get more practice at celebrating.

■ **Col, Rocky.** All the talk about culling sharks, its most humans that need culling.

■ **Bob Pacey.** Cameron Smith what a champion and an inspirational leader. The way he shielded his newer players from the hectic start and eased them into the game which then allowed them to shine later was inspirational. Makes me wonder why he is not used as the face of Rugby League.

■ **Ramp, Rocky.** Obviously our resident Cockroach does not watch the news. NSW are not only bad losers but winners as well which is not very often. Laurie Daley is the only NSW representative that I have heard say that Queensland were just too good on the night and they played as well as they were allowed. Back under the rock for another year mate.

■ **Slr, Rocky.** if as the Dept of housing says they are working with the women in Randwick st to resolve their issues. Then how come the residents say that they have had little contact.

■ **Njw, Rocky.** Re the latest

alarmist rhetoric by a politician saying that pensioners will freeze to death because of high electricity prices. Well, maybe he could donate some of his parliamentary pension to help these potential "victims" instead of talking nonsense.

■ **Rap, Rocky.** ya kiddin. This guy runs from police after being handcuffed and then gets parole? You reckon he is not a flight risk.

■ **MF, Rocky.** To CJM my average power bill is \$340 a quarter and we are a family of five. When we use the air con in summer our bill has only been \$420 for the quarter. We don't have solar or gas and we manage to keep our power cost under \$2000 a year.

■ **Moose Depot Hill** perhaps NSW need to find a coach with a bit of mongrel. Benny Elias or Blocker Roach come to mind.

■ **Ratepayer @ Rocky** Now you know how Rocky ratepayers feel about the RRC goat tracks Cr Smith. Do what we do and buy a 4WD.

Readers on Facebook about smacking kids:

■ **Tamika Wilson** - This is why we have bratty kids out of control!! My mother smacked me and up until the age of 12/13 she still only had to count to 2 90% of the time!

■ **Caitlin Nutley** - My mother just had to give me a look!

■ **Tamara Donlen** - 1 study does not 'prove' anything. Realistically, no amount of study 'proves' anything, it just supports the theory.

■ **Katie Faith Baily** - A smack yes but no more and explain to them why they are getting punished, no debate just just simple explanation

■ **Valarie Hawkins** - Load of rubbish! I, I have worked with Children for many years and I see the result of no discipline

■ **Bec Charlesworth** - I smack my kids & dare anyone to challenge me. Their well behaved with respect & manners. & the look

➤ PHOTO OF THE DAY



Queensland Premier Annastacia Palaszczuk with the Boxer Combat Reconnaissance Vehicle in Brisbane. Rheinmetall Defence Australia plans to build 225 combat reconnaissance vehicles for the Australian Army. PHOTO: DARREN ENGLAND