



**Pat Hudson**

***Accelerated Evoluton***

Self-published, 17 April 2024

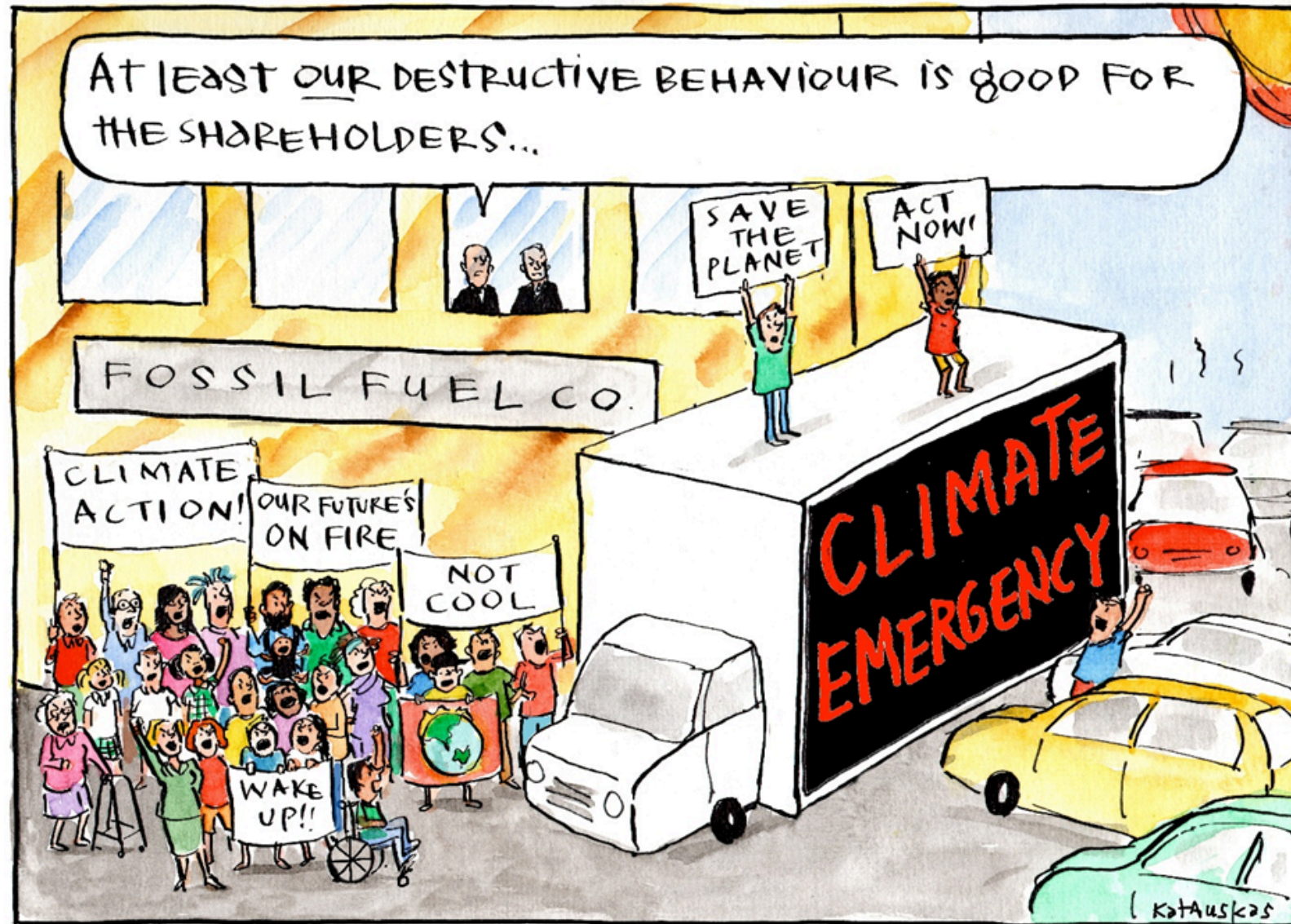
*The popularity of the clown fish has grown exponentially since the success of the 2003 animated film Finding Nemo. Along with 1,500 other species of fish, its Australian home is the Great Barrier Reef. As Pat Hudson suggests, climate change, which causes warmer oceans and leads to coral bleaching, means it's now much easier to find Nemo.*

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Fiona Katauskas

*Profits of Doom*

The Guardian Australia, 9 March 2024

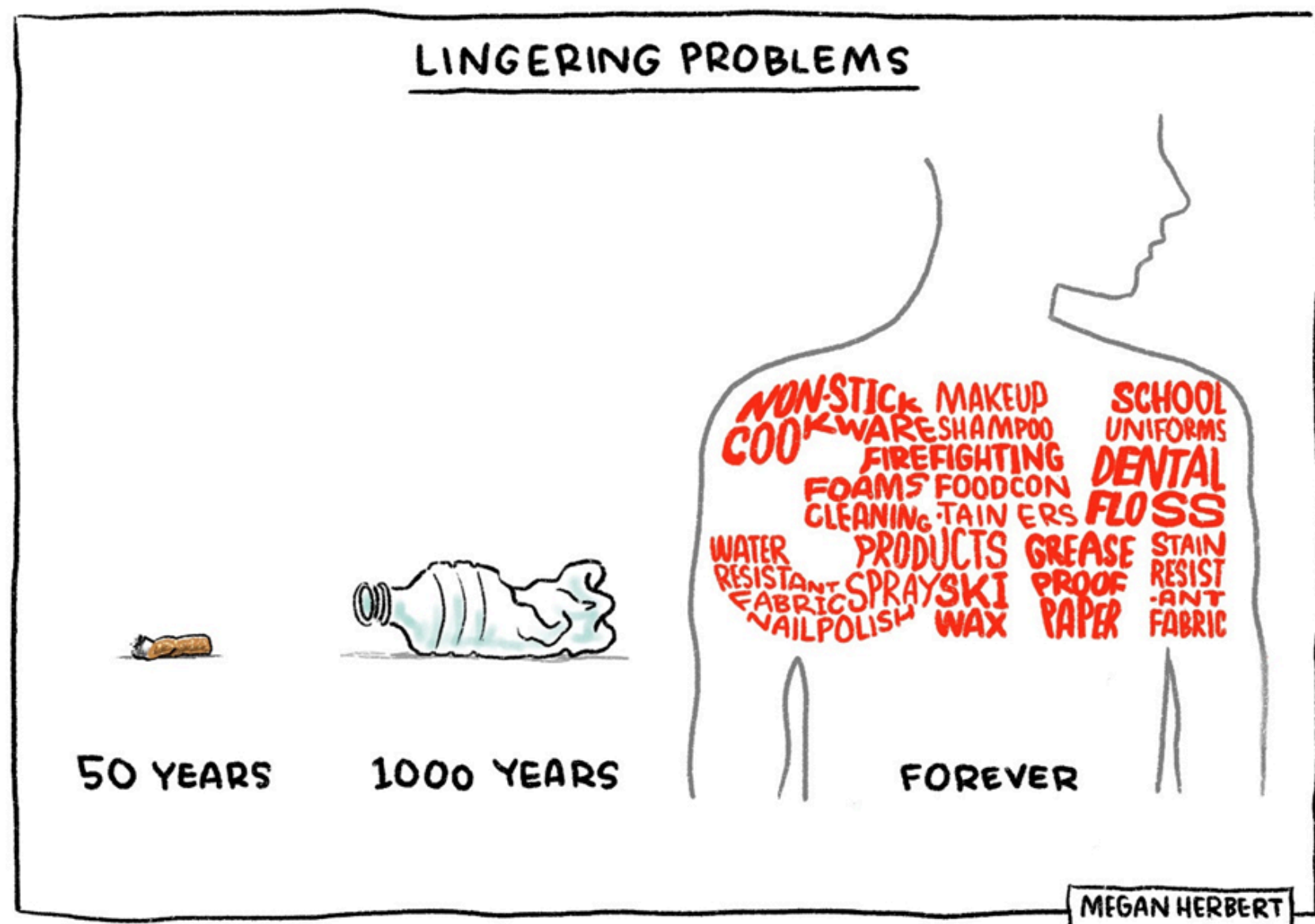
*In March three protesters caused a two-hour traffic jam when they blockaded Melbourne's West Gate Bridge to protest climate change. Commuters were angry, a woman was forced to give birth by the side of the road and the protestors were given jail terms. But Fiona Katauskas' cartoon asks, who is the more destructive agent — the protestors or the fossil fuel companies?*

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Lingering Problems

Megan Herbert

Nine Papers, 6 May 2024

In April chemicals manufacturer 3M announced it would soon start repayments to US public drinking water systems as part of a multi-billion-dollar settlement over contamination with PFAS (per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances). Known as 'forever chemicals', PFAS are used in firefighting foam, some household items and waterproof clothes. Added to various products since the 1950s, they can take thousands of years to degrade. Although scientific evidence is currently limited, in recent years there has been concern over their impact on the environment and human life.

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**Matt Bissett-Johnson**

*Native Forest*

Melbourne Observer, 31 May 2023

*Matt Bissett-Johnson's native Australian wildlife look amazed at the Victorian Government's decision to ban native forest logging on Crown land by 2024. Announced in the state Budget in May, the decision means an end to native forest logging in Victoria six years earlier than scheduled. The other state planning to end native forest logging by 2024 is Western Australia.*

Behind the Lines 2023

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Jon Kudelka

*Reef Coloured Glasses*

The Saturday Paper, 26 June 2021

*Rising ocean temperatures due to global warming pose an existential threat to reef systems around the world. In June, a draft report released by UNESCO proposed listing the Great Barrier Reef as 'World Heritage in Danger'. Strong, and ultimately successful, lobbying by the federal government against the listing included taking more than a dozen foreign ambassadors snorkelling on the reef.*

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**Badiucao**

***Pilot Whales' WA Mass Stranding***

The Sydney Morning Herald, 31 July 2023

*A mass stranding of a pod of 97 long-finned pilot whales in Western Australia in July 2023 drove Badiucao to create this cartoon, which carries an urgent environmental message. While they didn't actually spell out 'SOS', of course, the whales did exhibit strange and unprecedented huddling behaviour before the stranding. Long-finned pilot whales are usually found in cold waters, and the reasons for the stranding are not clearly known.*

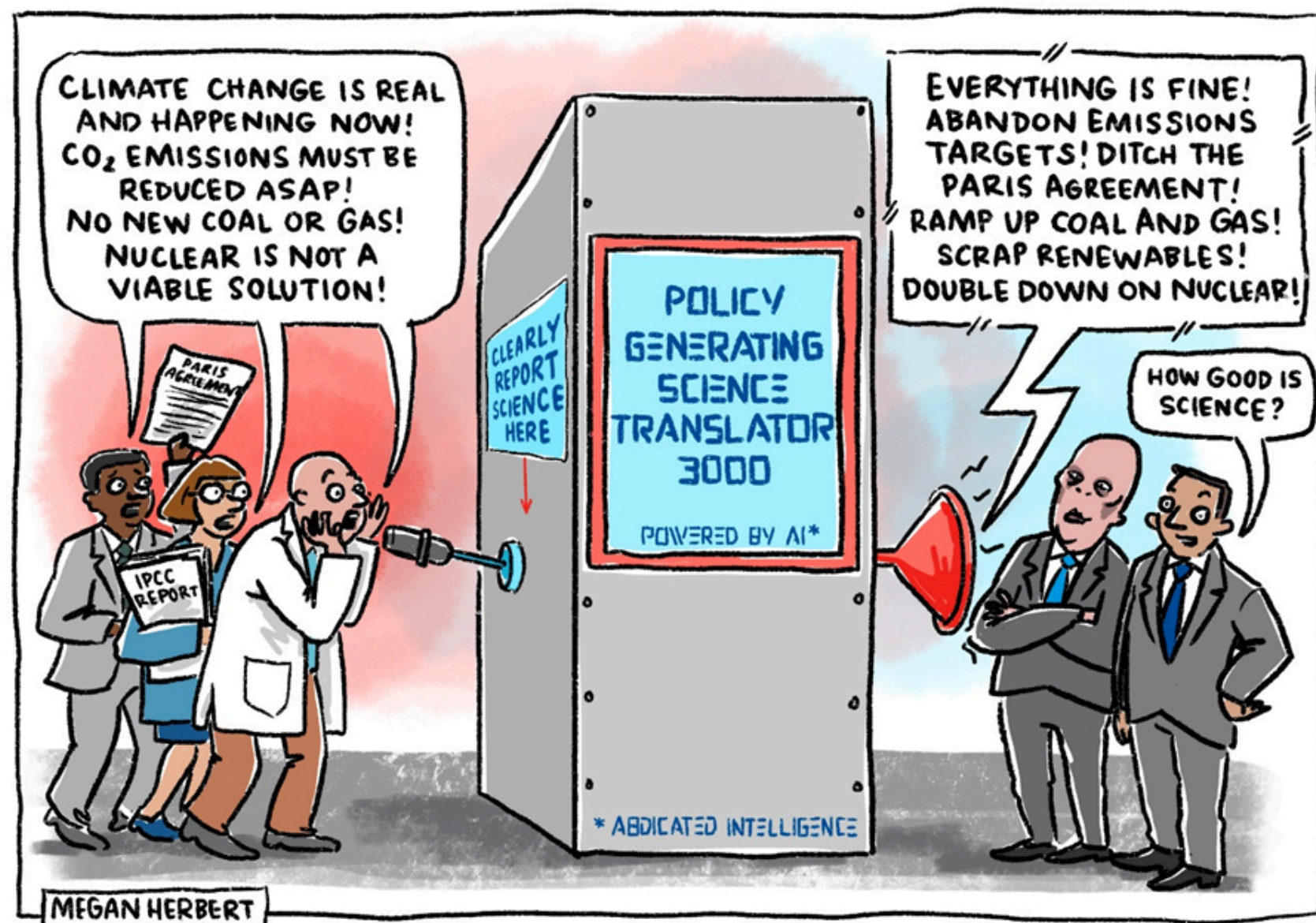
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Megan Herbert

*Lost in Translation*

Nine Papers, 10 June 2024

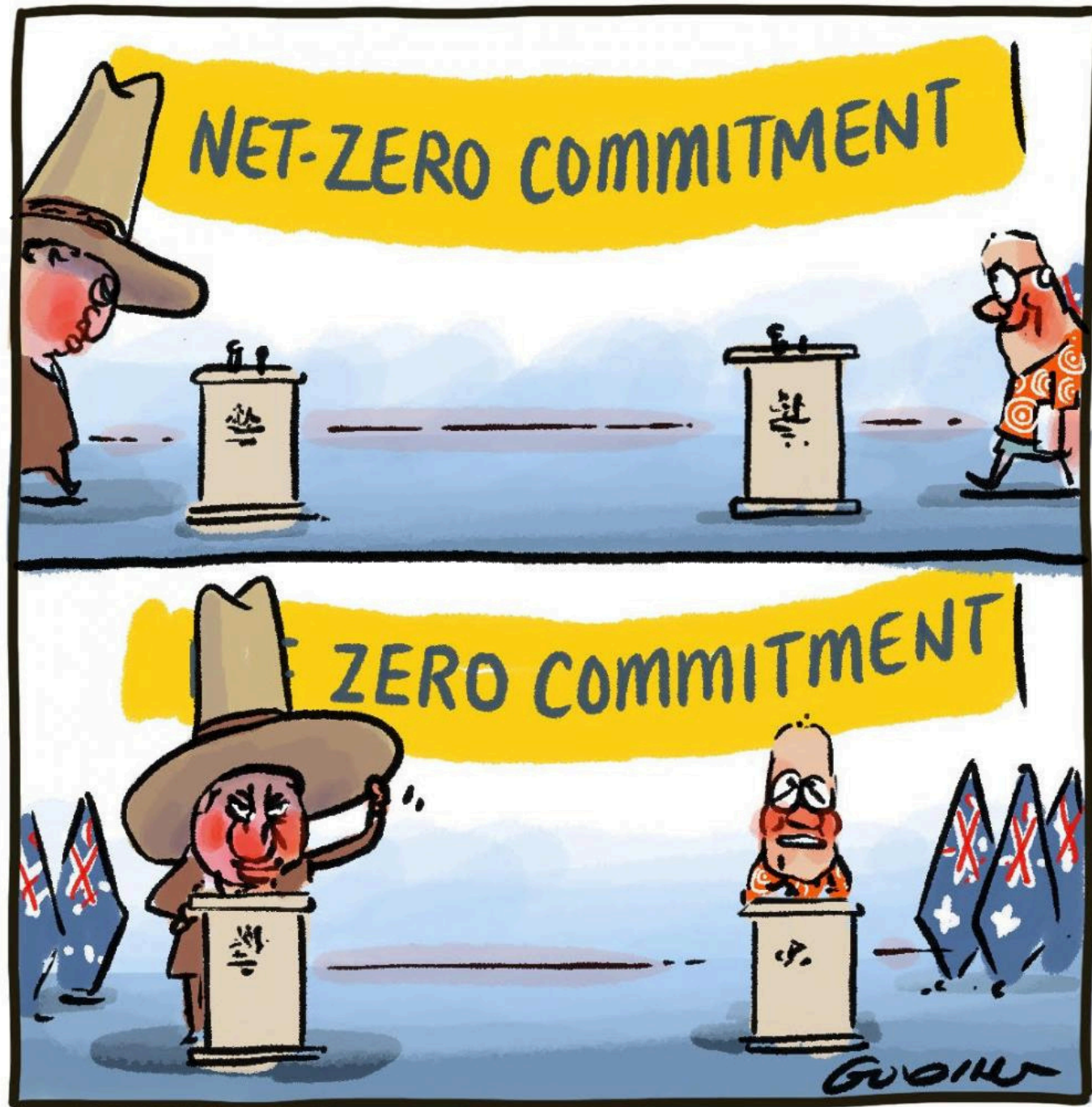
Megan Herbert conjures up the computers that used to star in various 1950s and 1960s TV shows and films. Her 'Policy Generating Science Translator 3000' is adept at taking scientific data and the findings of the latest report from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (2023) and translating them into language that matches some politicians' pre-existing policy aims.

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**Matt Golding**

***Australia's Climate Action***

The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, 27 October 2021

*Ahead of the COP26 climate summit in Glasgow, the government was under pressure to set an ambitious 2030 emissions-reduction target. With vocal resistance from the Nationals, the Prime Minister instead focused on persuading them to support a plan for net-zero by 2050. Barnaby Joyce was opposed, but his party room voted in favour. Critics argued the plan lacked legislative commitment.*

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John Shakespeare

*Sussan Ley Says "Yeah Nah" to the Environment*

The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age, 17 March 2022

In 2021 a group of eight teenagers and an 86-year-old nun secured a federal court judgement against Environment Minister Sussan Ley. The court ruled that, when considering the approval of fossil fuel projects, the minister had a duty of care to protect young people from the climate crisis. Ley appealed the decision, and the court overturned it on 15 March 2022.

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