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Vale, Clive James. He was a literary giant with few equals, and his contributions to the arts will be treasured for a long time to come.

Helen Scheller, Benalla, Vic

Clive James, was a leviathan in his field. One of this country's best exports. Vale.

Michael J. Gamble, Belmont, Vic

I am saddened to hear of the passing of Clive James. I have laughed hugely at some of his childhood stories in wartime Sydney in *Unreliable Memoirs*. It is a shame he spent so much time away from Australia. Ever the gentleman, Clive left an indelible impression on many.

*John Patterson,
Kensington Gardens, SA*

Is there anyone out there who can identify a reputable body of scientific work that supports the proposition that the world is not on the verge of a climate crisis that threatens humanity's very existence?

Stephen Edwards, Cowaramup, WA

Will Steffen says "a dangerous tipping point cannot be ruled out, then this is an existential threat to civilisation". But the word dangerous is a generalisation and it is usually impossible to completely rule anything out. So it is safe to opine that Steffen is exaggerating.

William Judd, Norwood, SA

The signs of a dangerously warming planet are clear and have been for many years. One wonders how much longer policy makers will dillydally with economic modelling and climate uncertainties. The likes of Bjorn Lomberg and Ian Plimer serve only to delay the decisions that will inevitably be forced on us.

John Chapman, Nedlands, WA

Paul Kelly (27/11) juxtaposes Westpac's money laundering with its virtue signalling on climate change, as if to discredit the importance of maintaining a stable climate. This is unfortunate given Westpac's level of investment in fossil fuel projects.

Jonathan Miller, Curtin, ACT

At least one other model can be put to Australians ("Turnbull fires debate with two-step push for republic", 28/11): a group of elders including all former PMs, all former governors-generals and an Aboriginal elder to elect, by simple majority, a president whose duties and powers don't go beyond those of the governor-general at present.

Danny O'Neill, Ashburton, Vic

Unless I am sadly mistaken, Raelene Castle serves at the pleasure of the board of Rugby Australia, so it's not up to her to determine whether she stays. The performance of management over the past few years has been deplorable, but with a closed-shop workplace nothing short of all states withdrawing support will anything change.

Don Spence, Ashmore, Qld