## G20 should talk climate change, too

AFR 14 Mar 2014

You suggest US pressure to have climate change as an important agenda item for this year's G20 meeting is awkward for chair Prime Minister Tony Abbott because he appears to have that as a lower priority ("<u>Heat on Abbott as US urges climate action</u>", *AFR*, March 8).

One possibility would be for Mr Abbott to take a lead by proposing a G20 cost/benefit inquiry on the net effect of policies seeking to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. The American Physics Society recently held a meeting of both sceptical and warmist scientists to discuss this issue. With the increased uncertainty posed by (inter alia) the absence of global temperature increases over the past 16-17 years, sceptical scientists' views have become fully recognised.

The time is ripe for G20 to bring both sides together to compose such an official inquiry amongst its members, too.

Des Moore Former deputy Treasury secretary South Yarra, Vic