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just back tram-trains for the capital

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Female. Boyle was now an authority on opera divas (Opriver, May 24).

So columnist Doreen Kiri. In her younger days she experienced enough new through an extraordinary career to know the scores. Her entanglements cross-over music have been mixed, as for female opera singers. Opera singers over the past 10 years have all recorded material outside of opera, though this would not the pop music in a thousand years. New Zealand imports native timber from tropical rain forests.

We export millions of tonnes of coal to China to be used as fuel, yet try to coax that country into not using coal as a fuel because it's a pollutant.

The ETS will have no effect on global warming, even Australia has shelved its scheme.

The Government should scrap this legislation.

SNORR DAY

Appropriation is astonishing.

When New Zealand's Emissions Trading Scheme starts on July 1, households will pay a "modest 1/2 a week", according to Prime Minister John Key.

This must be another of his bad jokes.

The 2013 Budget appropriation for Vote Climate Change amounts to an astonishing $1.16 billion; of taxpayers' money – that's almost $200 for every person in New Zealand.

This expenditure includes $39 million for a national carbon-accounting system, $20m for policy advice on the Kyoto protocol and RTA, and $1.04bn for emission units.

Also, the Government's provision to cutting this kind of wasteful spending means that GST has had to be increased to 15 per cent.

ALAN WALLER

To The Point

I am from York. Please can we get a new Duchess?

ROD SHAW, Te Horo

The Duchess of York should announce her new baby and stand for the British Parliament. She deserves all the right qualities to become an MP.

RICHARD GROCH, Kilmarnock

Linley Kennett is wrong (Letters, May, 24). As anyone who's been in a tiger Moth knows, the prime minister was in the pilot's seat. The pilot occupies the rear seat in the RAAF. Because he offers this the best view forward, it was right John Key sat there; he, after all, the pilot in charge of the country. The seating was just prudent practice.

IAN MILLER, Kilmarnock

I see it's calculated that, with the tax cuts announced in last week's Budget, France Minister Bill English's take-home pay increases by more than $200k a week. This means he has regained and legitimised the $100k-a-week he was, for a time, claiming when he couldn't seem to work out where he and his family lived.

JUDITH PAVILL, Nelson

The National-led Government is proving a theory of mine. I have always thought that Labour governments cared more about people and the conservatives more about money.

TANYA ASHKEN, Island Bay

As an avid white-water kayaker, I feel the need to extol the virtues of the front-page weather forecast comment (May 25): "Forget outdoor activities this week. Still lots of rain to go. "With a smaller catchment and lack of ice/snowpack in our mountains compared with those of some of our overseas counterparts, our outdoor activity is at its best when it's damp with rain. Bring it on.

MARK G. GAMES, Palmerston North

Word of the Day

PARAURI – tan

par roa ree

Source: Merriam-Webster, To Kaugi Radio

Possibility of one is "extremely low", and that consequences "could" be serious. It has been fit to largely in- convinces the travelling public for five weeks and cost the long suffering taxpayer an immense and totally unnecessary sum.

Who on earth are the mindless fools on the NZTA board who have managed to equate a fire in a listening tunnel to Europe into a colossal cash-burn exercise in two tunnels that it's almost possible to split through on a windy day. Certainly no-one with a shred of common sense.

CAMERON SHAW

Probably South Korea's fault

In the aftermath of the sinking of the South Korean naval vessel, the Cheonan, New Zealand would be in a unique position to help. Rather, it should support the call for North Korea and China to be given the right to inspect the evidence, which is being used to support blame.

For decades, the Korean peninsula has been caught up in complex international intrigues. It's just as likely that the sinking is con- nected to South Korea's pre-election politics, or United States neo-conservative moves within the mili- tary to create a reason for invasion of the DPRK, as it is that the DFNEI took the risk of war by deliberately sinking the Cheonan, which presum- ably equipped with the latest anti-submarine and under-water surveillance systems.

The incident underlines the ur- gent need to break the cycle of ani- mosity by creating a peace treaty in place of the Armistice Agreement, which will, in turn, encourage the resumption of the six-party talks.

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