

LETTER TO EDITOR IQ-RAP

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Help

HE SAID IT

“What we do is we feel there’s a movement that needs to happen with the suicide rate and men’s health at an all time low it’s an opportunity here to really make a difference

Former Bachelor Nick Cummins is in the Far North as part of his organisation Rogue Gentlemen’s Club



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Letters

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Truth about firearms

IN response to Edgar Haring, Smithfield, and his misinformed comments on firearms.

Automatic firearms have never been able to be legally purchased by any Australian (or any American, for that matter) at any time in history. Semi-automatic firearms are what you are talking about.

And by the way, shooting is a sport. The Olympic Games has many categories of events involving firearms. Most weapons that evolved have been included in sport - hence archery, javelin, discus and shot-put. I am sure you would like to see these items banned, along with sticks and rocks. For any object to be used as a weapon, must involve the handler committing themselves to perpetrating harm. Therein lies the problem.

Greg Holmes, Edmonton

Bats are not the problem

ONCE again the council is blaming the flying foxes in the Cairns CBD for declining tourist numbers.

OK, the bats can be noisy and not easy on the nose, but anyone who frequents the CBD in the evening will observe the many tourists photographing them and generally enjoying their presence. We have always had the bats in the CBD but not parking fees seven days a week, meter fees in the Pier and cruise terminal car park till 10pm, and the in-

Letter of the Week

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Look at good business practice

THE number of business failings is unsurprising.

Instead of placing all blame on the economy perhaps some should look at their business practices.

And customers could look at their own attitudes and responses. When you receive a quote how hard is it to respond with: “Thank you, the quote is not successful.” “Thank you for your quote, we will respond with an order.”

That’s it. That’s all. We’re tough out here and can accept rejection. Emails seeking status of a quote

remain unanswered. Ignorance and bad manners.

There is no reason for an invoice to remain unpaid when the job is complete.

I am not here to prop up the government or others with short-term loans. I should not need to chase debtors. Pay the bill in the terms stated. If you can’t you are already in trouble.

Accept or reject the quote. It has never been easier to do so. Good manners. Good business practice. Cheryl Ison, Mareeba

creasing problem with drunken itinerants and juvenile crime. I have been living in Cairns for 50 years now and used to visit the CBD frequently both day and night. But nowadays, not so often, due to these problems.

Harry Ward, Brinsmead

Road funding welcomed

I WELCOME the Australian Government’s announcement to invest \$730 million to seal and upgrade roads in North Queensland, including the Hann Highway and Savannah Way.

This certainly shows what can be achieved when regional stakeholders work collaboratively.

However, this didn’t happen overnight. It has taken many years of hard work to achieve this great outcome.

In 2013, Regional Development Australia Townsville and North West Queensland believed there was an opportunity for attracting more investment into inland Queensland roads through greater cross-regional collaboration and held forums to engage with key stakeholders.

The resulting alliance of local governments, Regional Road Transport Groups, Regional Development Australia Committees and the RACQ across most of inland Queensland, led to the development of the Inland Queensland Roads Action Plan in 2016.

In mid-2018, we updated the plan and launched the Inland Queensland Road Network Strategy, providing a strategic, long-term approach to prioritising road investment to achieve more local jobs, better safety and productivity outcomes. Cr Tom Gilmore, deputy chairman IQ-RAP Working Group and Mareeba Shire Council Mayor

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On politics

Those attacking the right for inciting right wing extremists are ignorant of the fact that Jacinda Ardern leads a minority government with support from a party and deputy PM that have views on immigration that make Abbott and Hansen look like bleeding heart Liberals. Yet,

when everyone’s security was essential, there was no hesitation in being united as, dare I say it? One nation who refuses to be intimidated.

Karl, Yorkeys Knob

For those linking racism with the right, how are you processing British Labor spewing anti-Semitism? And what do you think of headline speaker, Remi Kanazi, at the Melbourne University Marxism 2019 conference next month? Kanazi is an anti-Israel activist. Those who label racism as “right wing stuff” are ignorant. Our society is however being educated by the left. So, inconvenient truths are being shoved under the carpet.

Joanne, Mt Sheridan

On other matters

We just had a lovely few days stay in Melbourne and I can honestly say that daylight saving does make a big differ-

ence. Come on Queensland. Stop whining about it and let’s be in line with the rest of Australia. It would be amazing to have that here. The icing on the cake.

Alice, Palm Cove

Of course “Water is key for future of industry” (CP, 29/03), as it is for all sectors of society. If we’re going to keep up with our huge population growth, Cairns will need dams on Flaggy Creek, Davies Creek and the Upper Mulgrave River. Tinaroo needs the channel from the Johnstone River to meet the Tablelands’ needs with fewer restrictions. Nullinga Dam can then make farming more viable along the Lower Walsh and Mitchell rivers. What’s the holdup? Oh yeah, greensies.

Higgs, Tolga

Can someone up at Daintree please keep a record of the exact capital and recurrent costs of Entsch’s electricity micro-grid (CP, 29/03), including outage-

related costs? It will be interesting to find out how much dearer it is than clean coal power.

Jim, Weipa

The US court system is now doing science by jury, going by the Roundup court case story (CP, 29/03). The residual Obama-era activist judges will do real damage to US agriculture.

Rashmi, Edmonton

The greatest song of all time is *Janelle* by Jimmy Barnes, so there’s a song about me (word on the street).

Janelle, Woree

US Democrats want the full Mueller report released, claiming it will still show President Trump in a bad light. They should be careful what they wish for because that full report might send Hillary to jail.

Republican, Kanimbla

The week that was WHAT YOU MISSED IF YOU DIDN'T READ THE CAIRNS POST THIS WEEK

Monday



Tuesday



Wednesday



Thursday



Friday

