

## Rhetoric, not reality

State Environment Minister Ryan Smith claims "great improvement ... in coastal management and biodiversity" ("Victoria fails health check", 29/11). This claim beggars belief.

Look at the desecration unfolding at Bastion Point, Mallacoota. That the minister approved such vandalism seriously undermines the principles endorsed in the Victorian Coastal Strategy. That such a senseless development has been given the nod is indicative of a government that has little regard for either the environment or how highly Victorians value our coastal treasures.

**Jenny Mason, Mallacoota**

## And another thing...

### Politics

Tony Abbott's policy of not telling us anything is wise, since we fail so dismally to understand what he says.

### Joan Kerr, Geelong

Hmmm, a double backflip, with a half Pyne, onto a wet sponge. Gonski funding restored? Not likely - we'll wait for the next announcement.

### Lawry Mahon, Port Fairy

Messrs Abbott and Pyne didn't lie about school funding, I misunderstood as I was raised by whole language and they were speaking in phonics. Silly, silly me.

**Kim van den Berghe, Highton**

