

Power Stupefies

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The Letters Editor,

The human population of Afghanistan is 33 million. Half as many again as we have in Australia. Yet Foreign minister Stephen Smith advised us that Australia is sending \$3 million to the accursed place to make sure they have an honest election.

It is amazing that the Australian government continues to spend taxpayers funds on every stink hole on the planet.

Mr. Smith smugly reported to Laurie Oaks that we have to do this where we see poverty, distress, fragility and populations under pressure, otherwise those nations may become influenced by extreme ideology.

Like, I suppose, Zimbabwe. Nations like that have got themselves into their predicaments. Under Ian Smith Zimbabwe was a strong prosperous nation. The population voted for communist Mugabe. Best let them get themselves out of their social bog hole.

Next thing we know Rudd as PM of the World and his mate Smith will have us sending troops to Pakistan to “maintain stability”. And then Madagascar is falling to pieces, I suppose we’ll be sending troops there too as peacekeepers.

Professor A. J. Ryder, was a senior education officer of the British Military Government in West Germany after WW2. He observed: “One pays a high price for coming to power; power stupefies.”

Observing Canberra, all one can say is, “obviously”.

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