



**AND ANOTHER THING**



AUSTRALIA has become a total wimp of a country. There is no reason why we should slide into recession unless we talk ourselves into it. China's economy has slowed, but it is still growing by 6% per annum. So for heaven's sake, keep your heads.

**Victoria Moore, Gerangamete**

**Politics**

THE Australian National Academy of Music — excellence sacrificed on the altar of bureaucracy. The opinions of experts seem to be irrelevant. Let's hope the Government manages the economy better than the arts!

**Michael Hines, North Balwyn**

PROTECTIONISM. They do that overseas. Have these politicians finally learnt something from all those overseas trips?

**Wayne Natrass, Ringwood North**

WOULD those from HMAS Sydney who perished at sea think their service worthwhile had they survived to view the shameful treatment of asylum seekers by the Department of Immigration, as recorded in the SBS documentary *A Well-founded Fear?*

**Jim Spithill, Chadstone**

WITHOUT the chronic shortage of housing, house prices and the broader economy would be at greater risk of entering a slump. Another legacy of the Howard and Costello years?

**Andrew Remington, Ascot Vale**

**Ben Cousins**

BEN Cousins — where Eagles daren't!

**Ann Rennie, Surrey Hills**

BEN who?

**Pat Lester, Ringwood**

**Furthermore**

IN THE last war we used convoys with naval escorts to move merchandise through dangerous waters. Any reason why this tried practice can't be used to thwart pirates?

**Martin Royal, Hawthorn East**

ABC Learning rationalises our children's care for shareholder dividends but CFK deep fries them.

**Kylie Tagell, Northcote**

GOOD of Connex to advertise today their changes to services from November 9. I expect we'll get the Christmas alterations sometime in the new year.

**Bryan Fraser, St Kilda**