

The Editor,
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Dear Sir,

Two letters have recently appeared in your paper on "Tourism". One from Secretary, Gippsland Lakes Protection Association and one from President, Lakes Entrance Chamber of Commerce.

Both letters show some concern regarding "Tourism". May I outline my views as an individual.

While we have tourism we will find people who are making a living out of it. We will also find people who are concerned by the destruction caused by it.

Those who are benefiting by it will combine to support it, while those who see the destruction caused by it will combine in protest. Both these letters come from people who live with "Tourism".

What about the people in general throughout the country who have to pay for it?

Tourism is classed as an industry; promoted by a Ministry and classified high in priority. It is a highly organized system with much backing. The element which is feeding on it will burst forth with united voice to preserve it. It is their livelihood, so why not. The taxpayers generally, who pay for it, do nothing to curtail this evil arising amongst them.

Now Sir, (Mr. Editor) I hope you will provide space for those who write on this subject after they read my following comments on "Tourism". It should be good for your paper; and the minds of men.

Our resources, time and energy should not be wasted if we are to survive. So why burn it up for no return? Tourism is burning it up, while the ashes are not even useful as fertilizer.

Encouraged to be burned are our fuel reserves; they are not inexhaustible. Promoted, to be worn out, is the machinery that conveys tourism. The roads that carry it have to be repaired and maintained. The rubber and steel worn out has to be replaced. While food and fibre is wasted at random - all for no return.

Garages and service stations, railways and aircraft, management and personell, all feature in this grand symble of waste. A burning waste of our resources poluting the atmosphere to preserve in the history of posterity the deeds that were done by this financially supported malignant disease that so many people live on.

There will come a day when the strands of the rope can not be made fast enough to contain this thing. Spiraling inflation - caused by this thing - is already crippling the resources of production that feed it. This is not progress.

There is no need to be a prophet to see what all this is leading to. All that is needed is a little individual common sense, providing that that individual thinking is not poluted by mass psychology injections.

People need to take holidays and go touring. It takes them away from the rat race of competition; but simpler and less extravagant recreation can be enjoyed to greater advantage than that which is promoted, and with the savings from the waste of resources, life would be happier around us nearer to the nature of our ~~times~~, the result of waste, our high standed of waste, that is causing us to depart from the good earth and the simple things of life. In other words, and in general around us, the pattern of waste is fast catching up and there is no escape from its result.

Promotion of tourism creates a chain reaction of other expenses and employment that returns nothing for its outlay and consumption.

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