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# Trail about to be

Most Canberrans and coastal dwellers who regularly drive the Kings Highway will be well aware of the Corn Trail in Monga National Park.

Most will not have seen it. However, 200 years ago it was the only route from the port at Nelligen to the tablelands of Braidwood.

For at least 10,000 years prior to that the Yuin and Walbunga people used this narrow trail to traverse the rugged escarpment from coastal country to inland.

Today it is a wonderful trail, maintained by NSW Parks and Wildlife for travel on foot or horse.

The journey is about eight hours top to bottom from the misty tops of mountain ash country, to rich, pristine rainforest on the banks of the Buckenbowra River.

But not for much longer.

The lower section, about two hours of walking, is about to have all of its southern flank felled by NSW Forestry Corporation chainsaws, predominantly for wood chip and firewood.

All citizens of the region need to rise up and take action to stop this destruction of precious native flora and fauna and the recreational amenity of the Corn Trail before it is too late.

John Studholme, Griffith

## Go for it kids

Veronica Hester ("Yes, Prime Minister, I'm striking from school: consider it a climate lesson", [canberratimes.com.au](http://canberratimes.com.au)).

So too, "Ronald was unable to attend school on Friday.

"He attended a moratorium rally in Melbourne with 100,000 other people objecting to military conscription and the war in Vietnam".

Then, as now, the conservatives were living on borrowed time, demeaning women and demonising dissenters as "larrikins, louts and traitors".

Traitors? Simply kids (under 21 and unable to vote) torn between their duty and the knowledge that Vietnamese villages were being incinerated with napalm.

As for "more learning and less activism" - young engineers could easily set an activism example for the world if we would allow them to solve the contrived "energy crisis" with wind, photovoltaic and ocean pumped hydro.

Go for it kids, conservatives will bequeath you the compound stupidity of a fossil-fuelled or worse still, radioactive waste dump and nuclear future.

And if in doubt, remember the conservatives' epitaph - "How many species can you think of that have survived by eating their own young".

Ronald Elliott, Sandringham

## Pupils show foresight

Well done fires and students!

While regional Queensland is experiencing the most severe fire season in history, and the planet's temperatures have been

funding for its unpopular mine could not be more especially after so many trying to get public money project.

While Europe is getting coal in less than 20 years insurance has rated Australia with a zero for its lack of long-term plans to fight warming, the only developed country to not score above these latest rankings.

The Queensland government has approved the last in the Galilee Basin, and the business-as-usual is rapidly leading us to environmental disaster.

Studies have shown people's core beliefs are threatened by contrary views, surprisingly, only reinforcing their views.

Thank goodness for students who may be break free of this blind history and have the stamina to get rid of the day and get real to protect their futures.

Jonathan Peter, Car

## Umpiring no-no

Just when I thought I had seen everything, an incident occurred during a recent match which, to me, is the cake. A batsman, out, caught behind and proceeded to leave the field to be recalled by the umpire who had seen the delivery was off a no-

Later, during the s