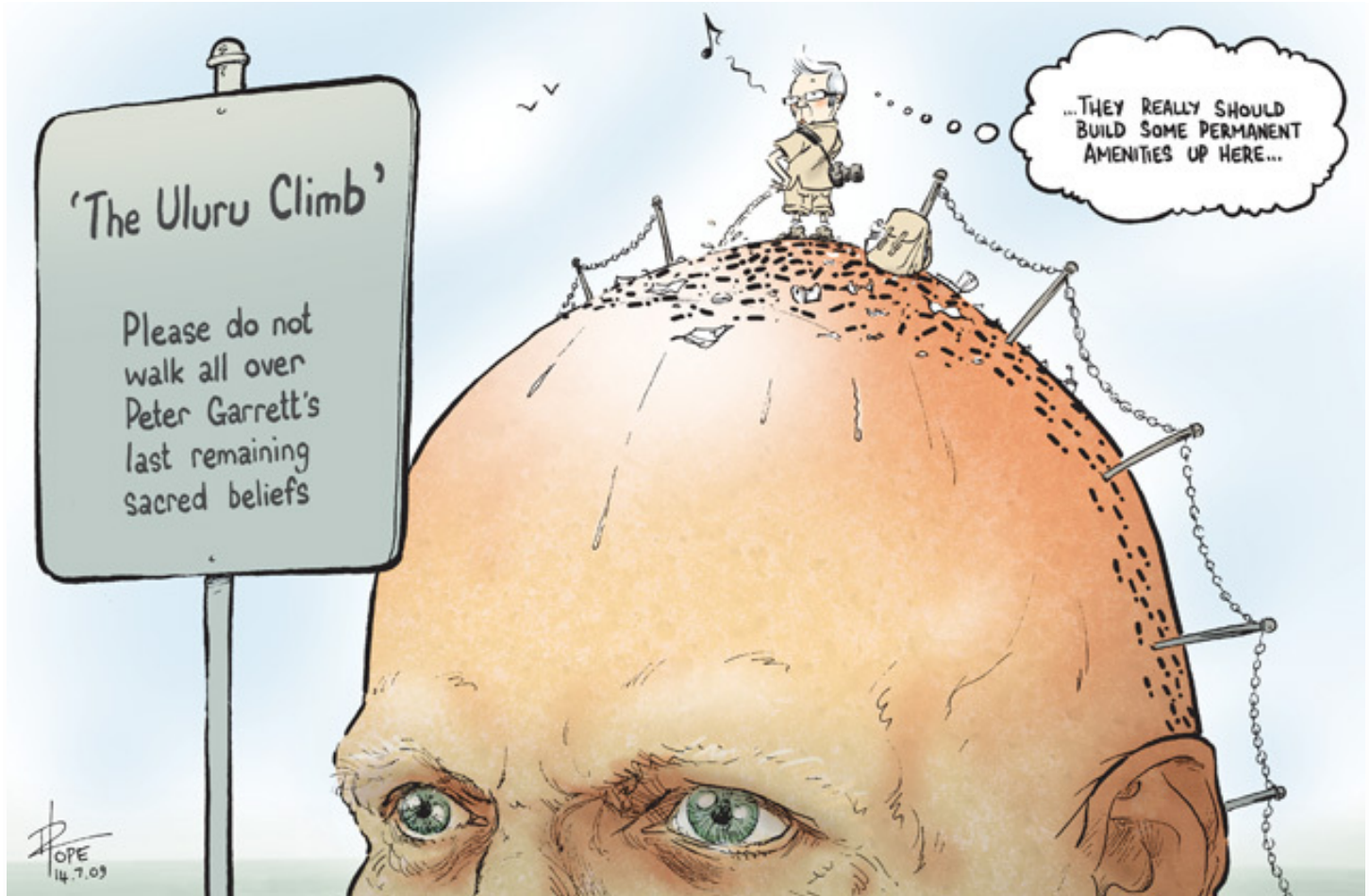


Political Cartoon sample



Uluru-Kata Tjuta National Park to call for a total ban on the climb. They faced uproar from tour operators but won the backing of Environment Minister Peter Garrett. Not long after Prime Minister Kevin Rudd announced prohibiting the ascent would not be considered by the Federal Government.

Political cartoons have a long history in Australia, and remain one of the most popular forms of political commentary. Though caricatures and satirical illustrations appeared in some of Australia's earliest newspapers, it was not until the 1830s that they became a frequent and respectable feature of the print media. Publications such as the Melbourne Punch, the Sydney Punch, the Bulletin featured both caricatures and cartoons, and it was through these publications that political cartoons became a popular element of the Australian press.

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