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# Prince Philip, climate sceptic, already spinning in his grave

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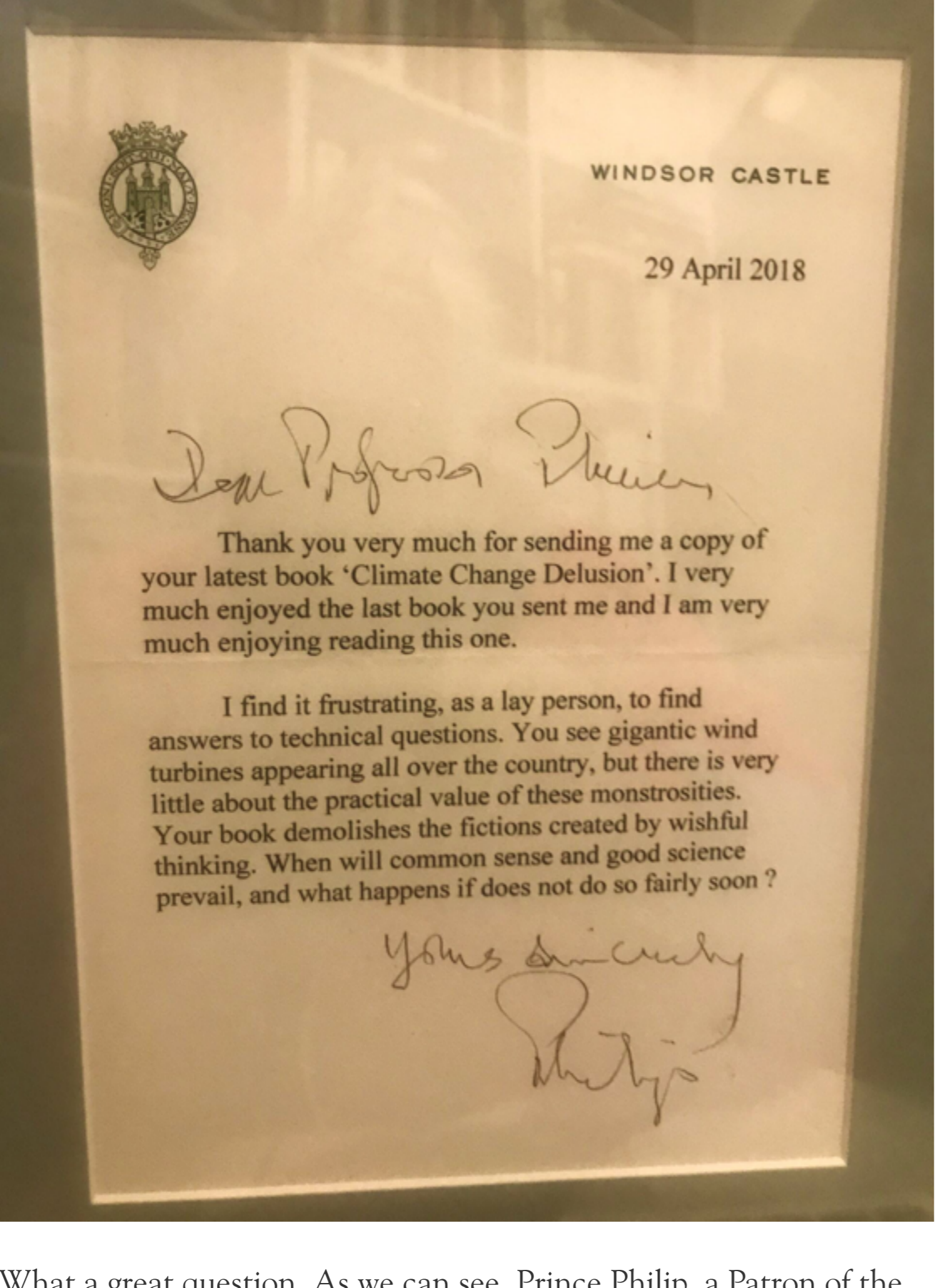


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Prince Philip was a climate change sceptic. In correspondence to Spectator Australia contributor and author Ian Plimer back in 2018, the Duke of Edinburgh not only compliments Professor Plimer on his most recent book, *The Climate Change Delusion*, but also praises his previous book *'Heaven and Earth'*, which similarly questioned the 'missing science' behind the global warming scam.

Furthermore, in the letter which Ian has kindly provided to The Spectator Australia, the late Prince — who was never one to mince his words — described the wind turbines now blotting the landscapes globally as 'monstrosities'.

Here is the letter from Windsor castle, dated 29 April 2018:



What a great question. As we can see, Prince Philip, a Patron of the Royal Geographical Society admired the work and writing of geologist Ian Plimer. In fact, the Prince attempted to invite Professor Plimer to London to address the Royal Society of Artists (RSA) on the topic of climate change. That invitation was later rescinded by the mandarins at the Palace, as was documented by James Delingpole in the UK Telegraph at the time. As Delingpole wrote:

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Here's part of the embarrassed kiss-off Prof Plimer received from the RSA's chief executive:

*I am afraid I am writing to you with some disappointing news regarding the Prince Philip Annual Lecture on 5 May. As you well know, the debate around climate change has recently become highly politically charged, both globally and especially in your home country. Equally, as I am sure you are aware, members of the Royal Family need to be scrupulous in avoiding any appearance of advocating or supporting a particular political stance. The RSA's charitable status also requires us to maintain absolute political independence in our programme of events and research events.*

*After discussion with Buckingham Palace, it is therefore with great regret that we must withdraw your invitation to give this year's Prince Philip Lecture. The Duke of Edinburgh is personally disappointed as he read your book with great interest and was looking forward to hearing you speak, but I know that you will recognise that the now highly controversial debate surrounding this issue would make it inevitable that he was seen to be taking a particular position.*

What is extraordinary about that letter is that as well as confirming the Prince's admiration for the Professor, it points out that the Royal Family should have nothing to do with the politics of climate change. Yet today, a decade on, both future monarchs Prince Charles and Prince William, the former in particular in advocating the Great Reset and embracing Greta Thunberg, and the latter in his fondness for Sir David Attenborough, are in climate politics up to their eyeballs.

Prince Philip, now that he's finally in his grave, will surely spend a great deal of the years ahead spinning in it.

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**Ken R** · 16 hours ago  
Philip's letter is something of a surprise but a welcome one. Having previously addressed 'climate disasters' he appears to have re-thought his understanding or called into serious question the sources of his earlier information. This is most important as it puts him at odds with members of his own family, who, seem to be allowed to follow the *Statute Quo* when it comes to being aligned with taking a 'political position'. How so?

**FrCherub** · 8 days ago  
Fascinating exchange between the Prince Philip and Professor Plimer. Thank you for sharing. I, too, am an admirer of both of these men.

**Craig** · 8 days ago  
Vale Prince Philip. A great man and a smart climate skeptic. You will be sorely missed...

**Foster Mitchell** · 8 days ago  
Why don't the common Lincey seum listen to this man?

**yklik** · 12 hours ago · edited  
No need to be offensive, cobber. Besides, a great number of Britons DO (rather, did) listen to 'this man'.

**PommieBarsteward** · 2 days ago  
"Yet today, a decade on, both future monarchs Prince Charles and Prince William, the former in particular in advocating the Great Reset and embracing Greta Thunberg, and the latter in his fondness for Sir David Attenborough, are in climate politics up to their eyeballs." Chas & Will's positions on climate politics are of course perfectly acceptable as they have been suckered in by the 'right' argument (or more accurately the 'left' argument). Philip had the tenacity to take an opposing position hence his views being cancelled as 'political' interference.

**Richard White** · 2 days ago  
Vale Prince Philip, they certainly don't make them like him anymore? Obviously "Papa" didn't pass onto Charles any of his ingrained ability to intelligently question, research & understand the scientific method? The sooner he is bypassed and/or chooses to step down from Royal succession the better we will all be including himself?

**PommieBarsteward** · 2 days ago  
When the Queen follows Philip to her eternal rest it would be an ideal opportunity to abolish this farcical anachronistic monarch malarkey. Won't happen of course because of the vested interests of all who ride the royal gravy train. From all of the royal staffers & forelock tuggers on nice little earners to the countless favouring 'royal correspondents' - is there any more pointless & useless area of journalism? An entire industry sucking off the royal teat. Totally at odds with a supposed modern meritocracy.

**Richard White** · 2 days ago  
Care to share any 'modern meritoric' examples of what you would actually intend to replace the Monarchy with? Perhaps the French or US systems with their proven record of corruption & self-seeking leaders & administrations, or maybe you might think the CCP with its one party state which disposses of a million of its citizens a better/more organised alternative?

**PommieBarsteward** · 2 days ago  
As an alternative system of appointing a Head of State, try looking at Germany, Ireland, Switzerland for starters. Also, while Australia is still officially a Constitutional Monarchy with the Queen as Sovereign, for all practical purposes, the role of Head of State and the constitutional powers vested in that role, are carried out by the Governor General appointed and dismissible only on the advice of the Prime Minister of the day. Each of these Heads of State are either elected or appointed whereas the UK system maintains the anachronistic practise of having the next royal family member in line of succession accede to the role on the death or abdication of the incumbent. A perpetuation of one family assuming the role of Head of State, merely by dint of royal birth, is surely anathema in a mature meritocracy in the 21st century.

**Fiscal MCFace** · 2 days ago  
No thanks. When I consider the long roll-call of recent political leaders there is not one whom I would have wished to see as our Head of State, not even Baroness Thatcher. Politics is too divisive and anyone from that world would inevitably attract the contempt of at least half the population. The Monarch wields no real political power, makes no laws or decrees, raises no taxes other than those made by the government of the day and voted on in Parliament belowhand. She or he may, in the event of no clear winner in a General Election, decide which party to invite to form a government. I believe that is the only time any political power may be exercised by the Monarch and it would be short lived for by its very nature such a government would not last long.

**PommieBarsteward** · 2 days ago  
It doesn't have to be a former politician. Surely out of a population of 67+ million, (probably more like 75 million if truth be known), there are any number of eminent persons from the military, sciences/medicine, or commerce worthy of appointment as Head of State. Is the UK so bereft of apolitical people with integrity that the country clings to its fealty to a monarch? Given the less than worthy behaviour of most of the current royal family over the last 30 years they clearly are not divinely gifted with the characteristics desirable in a Head of State.

**Fiscal MCFace** · 8 days ago · edited  
True. I had considered that as there are plenty of people one can admire but the problem is they are not known to the public at large and there would have to be some sort of very expensive publicity campaign for each candidate to make them so. How long would they hold Office? Five years? Ten? Life? They would have to be HoS over several parliaments to steady the ship and provide the wisdom and continuity that so many politicians lack - especially the present crop governing us. Also, who would select those who would stand for election? The politicians? The Supreme Court? It would be wide open to corruption surely? Or would it be open to anyone who can scrape together a proposer - Lord Sumption - but he probably would not be to everyone's taste.

I agree about your assessment of the RF in recent decades, apart from Her Majesty and The late Prince Philip who have not put a foot wrong but we are only concerned with one line of it which seems secure for three more generations at least. The PoW is a worry because of his embrace of the 'climate change' nonsense and Islam but I feel more sanguine about a future with a King William IV and Queen Catherine which I probably won't live to see. But then, how much do we really know about them? No need to rush into it, I feel.

**sandfly** · 3 days ago  
I'm surprised more than anything that Philip was bold enough to have an independence of mind. His eldest son is a proper Charlie: as for at least one of the others the mind can only boggle. The saving grace of a monarchy is that we can always say in a purely ceremonial way, 'The King is Dead. Long Live the King.' At least we are spared the nauseating spectacle of selecting another inevitably unworthy charmer as the next Head of State.

**Nomad** · 3 days ago  
Damn, there goes one rational man with great wit and zero sanctimony. We will miss you.

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