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Direct energy into prudent solutions

From Mr Andrew Raingold.

Sir, Martin Wolf is right to argue that bequeathing a planet in climate chaos is an even bigger concern than rising public debt and so requires an equally prudent response (“Why the world faces climate chaos”, May 14). However, there is an alternative to watching the rise of greenhouse gases until it is too late.

While there is institutional paralysis at the international level and the current political will is pitiful, the technologies are available to meet the climate chaos challenge.

Analysis from a number of internationally respected organisations, such as the International Energy Agency, demonstrate that the technical challenges of scale and cost reduction can be reasonably circumvented to address energy security, economic development, climate change and universal access to modern energy services.

This can be unlocked through active political and business leadership around a sellable vision of a prosperous low-carbon economy that Mr Wolf describes, rather than waiting until after the event.

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