

### **Be wary of the media**

What a terrifying world Amanda Vanstone must occupy, where a "posse" of reporters and commentators, behaving like "bear stalkers or duck shooters", are gunning for her political nearest and dearest (Comment, 8/12). Even worse, these "real players in our politics" are unelected. Of course, as a media commentator herself, she is equally unelected but in her own mind, at least, she occupies a rarefied sphere that allows her to deliver only objective opinion. This presumably accounts for the dispensation she grants herself in neglecting to identify who these carping Joe Hockey<sup>1)</sup> baiters might be, or what they have said that is so insulting. Unlike other commentators, it would seem, Amanda should simply be taken on trust.

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noot 1 Joe Hockey was a Member of the Australian Parliament from 1996 until 2015