

Predicting climate

SIR – Researchers have announced that climate models are “wrong” to have predicted, for the 2015 Paris Agreement, that global temperature may exceed the 1.5C target during this century (report, September 19).

This needs to be challenged. In 2009 I described a climate forecasting model, first published in 1984, that forecast “the Nineties’ temperature rise and the (subsequent) fall”.

The model went on to forecast “a significant rise of about 0.25C within the next three or four years (after 2009), followed by a fairly uniform temperature until nearly 2029 and then, unless action is taken to reduce worldwide carbon emissions, uncontrollable increases thereafter”.

In fact, from 2011 to 2016, the global temperature increased by more than 0.25C. No other model could do that.

I hope the most recent forecasts do not lead to unjustified complacency.

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