

it there was some scope for agreement on this point. Science always allows scope for agreement, but the strength of evidence behind Grossi's claim is as strong as that for the claim that carbon dioxide leads to global warming, which almost no attendee at COP26 would dispute.

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Smart storage heaters are no longer primitive devices

The Johnson government seems to have been persuaded that heat pumps are the principal, or perhaps only, solution for electric domestic heating. It is time to replace gas boilers. The government holds in line to gain £5,000 for electric heat pumps", (The Guardian, October 19).

In many situations night storage heaters are likely to be a preferable alternative, charged from cheap off-peak electricity and having the

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Renovating buildings will help reduce energy bills

Stepping up building energy renovations offers a solution to the issue of soaring energy bills, yet this is overlooked by decision makers ("£330bn bill to make UK homes energy efficient", Report, November 6).

Today, with existing technologies, it is possible to reduce buildings' energy needs for heating and cooling by 60 per cent. Still, the average renovation rate of the EU's building stock remains under 1 per cent per year.

With over 34m people living in energy poverty, we are playing with fire. Energy efficiency is a rational, cost-effective and systemic solution for the energy price surge. It is the unspoken solution in the long run to decarbonise our economies in a just way. What are we waiting for?

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