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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 Hockey¹⁾ 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.

Simon Boyle, North Carlton

theage.com.au, 2014

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

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- 1p 39 Which of the following expressions captures Simon Boyle's criticism of Amanda Vanstone?
- A barking up the wrong tree
 - B chasing your tail
 - C the pot calling the kettle black
 - D the proof of the pudding is in the eating