

# **Anthropocene stand does not reduce climate concern**

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We appreciate your efforts to present diverse views concerning the definition and application of the Anthropocene. Nevertheless, we are concerned by the closing quote of the article, which suggests that standing against defining an Anthropocene Series/Epoch in the geological time scale, as we do, is to deny anthropogenic global climate change. As scientists and as citizens who have long been deeply concerned with and active in addressing the unprecedented challenges of global climate change, we resent this suggestion ([30 December 2023, p 15](#)).