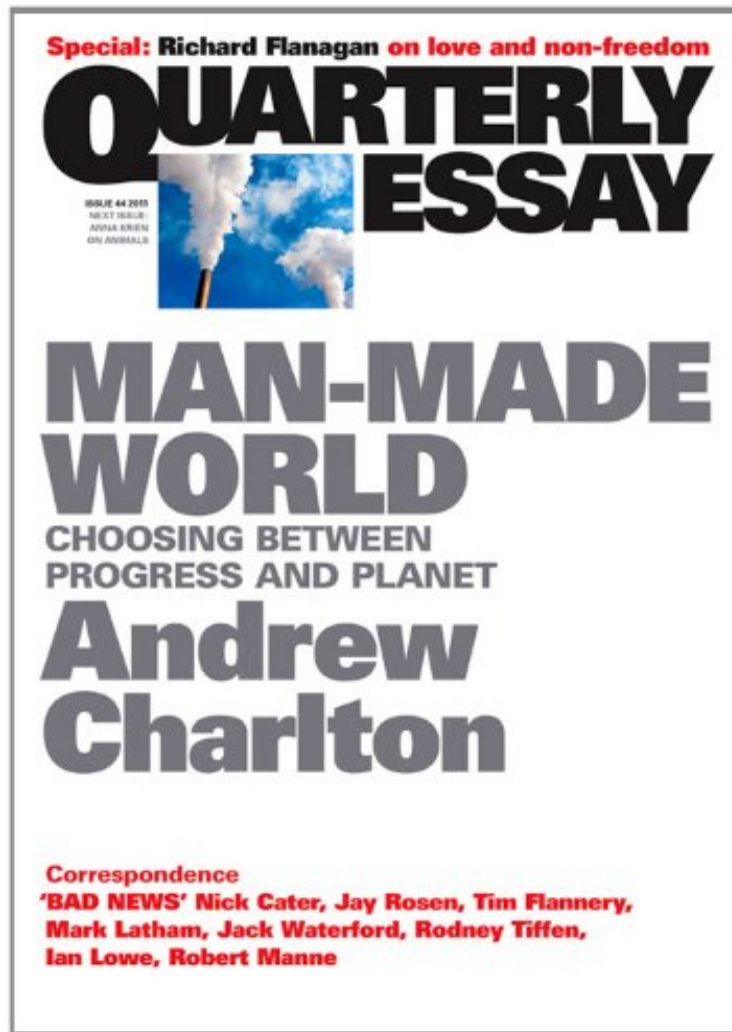


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Witnessing at first-hand the failure of the Copenhagen Climate Conference and wondering what went wrong, Andrew

Charlton realised the truth of a colleague's words: "The world is split between those who want to save the planet and those who want to save themselves." In this groundbreaking essay, Charlton discusses the rift that will shape our future: progress versus planet; rich versus poor. In recent times environmentalists have argued with mounting force that the growth of human activity on our planet is unsustainable. We are, they claim, on a collision course with destiny. But, the developing world counters, environmental threats, dire as they may be, are not the only challenges we face. Indeed, these can seem a distant danger compared to the daily tragedies of life in slums and villages. Across the globe, economists and environmentalists vie over who has the right response to climate change, population growth and food scarcity. In Australia, this battle has plunged our politics into one of its most tumultuous periods. In *Man-Made World* Charlton evaluates some of the proposed solutions — renewable and nuclear energy, organic and genetically modified food — and argues that our descendants will only thank us if we find a way to preserve both the natural world and human progress.

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Andrew Charlton is the author of *Ozonomics*, *Fair Trade for All* (written with Nobel laureate Joseph Stiglitz) and *Quarterly Essay 44, Man-Made World*, which won the 2012 John Button Prize. From 2008 to 2010 he was senior economic adviser to Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. He previously worked for the London School of Economics and the United Nations and received his doctorate in economics from Oxford University, where he studied as a Rhodes Scholar.