**Finches plentiful**

**The Mitchell River flats between Mount Molloy and Mareeba in northern Queensland were and probably still are alive with black-throated finches, clouds of them, spread all over the grassland (-Bird derails Adani's mine",15/2). As a kid I used to trap them and get two shillings and sixpence a pair for them, ditto zebra finches and double-barreds. Black-throats are still plentiful in Brisbane, depending on the time of the year.**

**So, we have a bunch of stirrers on the one hand, Adani on the other, and billions of tonnes of the state's future wealth in the balance. It simply should not be thus. Botswana O'Hooligan**