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It is not possible in this review to note all the valuable papers, but it does seem appropriate to mention three papers that bear the attention of the reader. This is no way suggests that the other papers are less important or worthy of mention. The papers are singled out for illustrative purposes only.
- “Environmental windows and the precautionary principle: Does practice make perfect?” by Douglas Clarke

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