

South Perth joins councils in opposition to Burswood racetrack

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The City of South Perth has joined other local councils opposed to the State Government's \$217.5 million racetrack at Burswood.

The council voted unanimous-

ly at its December 16 meeting in favour of Manning ward councillor Andre Brender-A-Brandis' motion to oppose the proposed plans and advise Premier Roger Cook and local MP Geoff Baker of its position.

Cr Brender-A-Brandis said

"\$217.5 million could be better applied for other essential State services, including education, relocation, crime and safety prevention".

"It could also be provided for social housing, health services, or main roads and traffic con-

gestion." He said the vote provided an "important opportunity" for the public and community to be aware of the council's position on the lack of "specific and targeted" consultation.

Cr Hayley Prendiville said though the park was in a neigh-

bouring local government, the huge recreational area was still considered a "vital part" of the South Perth community. "This proposed development would significantly impact and disrupt the amenity that the residents have come to rely on," she said.

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