

Finns would appreciate what WA has

Along with many concerned citizens, I am not happy at all with the proposed ferry at Matilda Bay.

The West Australian last Saturday had two articles explaining good reasons why — Ella George's travel section feature on Finland and John Nelson's contribution to the letters page.

Finland as a nation, George says, has had the happiest people globally for eight years, enjoying their natural environs as they wish. Nature spaces cannot be underestimated, along with good work practices to enjoy it. Good for our mental health and wellbeing, and free.

We are long-time travellers, especially in Australia and WA in later years, and we have spoken to lots of people from the Kimberley to Esperance in our travels. Most have come here since COVID. Every one of them says they had no idea how varied and beautiful WA is.

And that is because they see and appreciate what is vastly disappearing everywhere else. Space, natural beauty, peace and connection with others.

WA people have had special memories of Matilda Bay for



The proposed ferry terminal site.

generations — not just the locals but many from other areas of WA.

Keep our pristine Matilda Bay as it is. It suits every age group and has the best views.

If tourists can get to the blue boatshed, so often favoured by tourists, they can get to Matilda Bay. If there has to be a ferry, find another location like JoJo's.

Friends of Matilda Bay on Facebook has all the good reasons why we should not have the ferry here.

As Mr Nelson says at the end of his very good letter, stop the environmental vandalism. Stop it now — it's not too late.

Name and address supplied

Alternative is a drag
There is a solution to the decidedly unwanted and massively unpopular proposed speedway at Burswood — don't build it.

Not very far away is the relatively pristine Langley Park. It is mainly just a grassed area, but it's relative length would make a splendid drag strip, and the building of a very long grandstand would be quite simple.

Pit areas could be on the riverside so that acrid fumes would easily dissipate across the river, and multiple food trucks could be dotted about.

No longer would we have the improbability of high-density housing in the area.

Then, too, Matilda Bay could be scrubbed as a ferry terminal, and a convenient jetty built here for speedway patrons.

Commercial tender preference for the construction of his very worthy facility would follow normal Government procedure and awarded to the appropriate motorcycle club.

Are there other solutions?

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