

Issue keeps cropping up

On Saturday, following the advice of our leaders to leave the car at home, I took the train to Fremantle for the International Street Arts Festival — which was wonderful, by the way.

When I arrived at the station, I was greeted by the announcement: “Trains are delayed due to a technical issue.” I don’t catch the train often, yet this was the third disruption in my last four trips — each time blamed on a “technical issue”.

Either I’m extraordinarily unlucky, or this is becoming a routine feature of Perth’s rail network. For all our sakes, let’s hope Rita Saffioti’s unwanted racetrack experiences fewer “technical issues” than her Metronet tracks.

John Warren, Morley

Put homelessness first

What sort of moral leadership is it to spend money on a motorplex when your own citizens, including an ex-social worker of all people, live in their cars (*The Sunday Times*, 5/4)? Is it better to spend a unknown amount money on a rugby licence than on housing your less fortunate?

Roger Cook's legacy is to be a car racetrack and a rugby team. Wouldn't he — or shouldn't he — rather it be to have attempted to fix this moral inequality?

I'm told that there are empty state housing properties in the Belmont and Coverdale areas. Surely it's more necessary to repair those and bring them up to standard to house your citizens than dig up Burswood?

Living with some dignity in a run-down house is better than living in a car, surely? There's something dreadfully amiss with the leadership of this, Australia's wealthiest State.

Rod Davies, Baldivis

Failures must go

Many of us have been writing here for years highlighting the problem of homelessness.

Cars and tents now line public parks, the river and bushland in and around Perth.

It is something that was unthinkable growing up here 40 years ago. Pensioners for example, who have never been in this position, now find themselves sleeping in a car due to the rental crisis.

Politicians should all hang their heads in shame, but I go much further — they should all be fired for gross negligence and incompetence, with Roger Cook, Rita Saffioti and John Carey top of the list.

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