WA finances miss Mark

Several recent letters to the editor have correctly criticised Treasurer Jim Chalmers' inflationary economic strategies and warned of the damage this is doing to the national economy and inflationary issues.

Meanwhile, in Western Australia the public should be concerned about the spendthrift habits of Premier Roger Cook and Treasurer Rita Saffioti.

The state of WA currently has over $30 billion of debt, with predictions that debt may reach $42 billion by 2028-29.

In WA, with money growing on trees — or should I say coming out of the ground — the Cook Government has been able to build multibillion-dollar railway lines along with sideshows like a racetrack and electric ferries to a pristine bay that nobody wants to spoil.

These examples of waste can only harm future generations of West Australians as the money dries up.

Mark McGowan's premiership was characterised by his conservative spending habits and complete control of the Treasury.

He even took on the Treasurer role after the resignation of Ben Wyatt. If only Saffioti and her Premier could take a leaf out of the McGowan legacy, put the chequebook away and concentrate on debt reduction rather than leaving a legacy of debt.

David Airey, Claremont

Handouts don't help

I see the Reserve Bank has noted that one of the reasons for the rise in inflation is "the increase in household

Hatred out of control

Australian Jews have suffered a terrorist attack on Australian soil, yet the protesters and those who can't control their hatred showed up again to vent their feelings to the President of Israel and his wife (*News*, 10/2). How long must all Australians have to see and experience this hatred on our streets and in our country?

As the editorial stated yesterday: "The shame of Bondi was a clear example why Israel should exist."

Surely the Government wants a peaceful nation. Or does it?

John Bandy, Scarborough

Step up peacekeeping

Now that we have the organised rabble exercising their democratic rights and protesting against the visits of foreign dignitaries, I hope our entrusted peacekeepers continue to keep them honest, in doing what they say — that they are going to do and keep things peaceful.

Maybe it's time water cannon were deployed. You know, just to keep the uninvited doing things the planners say are not going to happen. Just in case. Perhaps add a few litres of food colouring to the tanks, just to make it a more colourful event — that way the rabble can't slink back to the crowd. They could call it a badge of honour. I'd like to see that.

Len Rogers, Willetton

Labor let this happen

There was a time when I was proud to be Australian, the land of the free and easy, where everybody had a fair go. Now, I'm ashamed. The rabble we

Protesters in Melbourne.

multicultural communities. You have to feel for the polic officers who put their lives a risk to keep the peace so the can put food on their table a pay rent.

Look at what we have become. If fighting in the wo breaks out between rival countries, Australian people will also pay the price from these people marching throu our streets.

Pete Alby, Bentley

Peaceful is impossible

Time and time again, these anti-Israeli protesters have proved that they cannot hav peaceful protest.

It's about time that their application to stage a peacef protest is not approved.

And if they stage a protes that is not sanctioned, arres those who attend and incite aggression at the police who are there attending.

When are we going to toughen up in this country a stop letting these people dict to authorities?

Ray Wilkinson, Belmont

A first prosecution?

Is Grace Tame going to be