

See, Roger? It's OK to admit mistakes

The Prime Minister has listened, reflected and had a change of heart on the Bondi royal commission. Yes, it took him 25 days, but he bowed to sustained pressure. For more than a year now the Burswood racetrack has been a hot issue for the Cook Government.

The overwhelming majority of stakeholders and the public oppose it, and will continue to press the Government to abandon this expensive and unnecessary vanity project and spend the money where it's needed. Emulate the PM, Roger and Rita! It's never too late to admit a mistake.

Susanne Roberts, East Perth

Target politicians' hate

There should be only one term of reference for the royal commission announced by our Prime Minister Anthony Albanese.

Starting at the top, our politicians need to be made more accountable for the hateful and racist rants that have come out of some leaders, not just recently but over so many years.

These have fostered and continue to encourage not just



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anti-Semitism but Islamophobia and hatred against migrants and Indigenous peoples.

Addressing what comes out of the mouth of those who should know better would go a long way to stem the flow of what we are continuing to face in this country.

Penelope Freeman, Banksia Grove

Swift action gets results

I'm glad Anthony Albanese isn't in the Australian military. A quick search will tell you, "delaying decisions in a military situation can have severe and often disastrous consequences, leading to missed opportunities, increased

casualties, loss of initiative, and potential mission failure".

I'd suggest the same applies to a political situation. This doesn't augur well for the belated royal commission.

Roy Stall, Mt Claremont

Ducks in a row first

I have little doubt that Anthony Albanese accepted the inevitability some time ago — a royal commission would have to be called following the atrocity at Bondi.

The delay in announcing it has allowed ample time for the terms of reference to be carefully framed to minimise political damage, and for the appointment of a commissioner perceived to be left-leaning.

Cliff Chorley, Joondalup

Speak up while you can

Australians, time is running out if you want to get something off your chest. Do it now while you can before the new hate laws come in, because what the Government would call hate speech, most people would call public concern.

Freedom of speech does not exist in a dictatorship.

Tom Meehan, Warnbro