

We get what we vote for

A number of recent letters to the editor quite rightly bemoan the current spending priorities of the West Australian Government.

There is a simple answer as to why the Government can act with such impunity in its use of taxpayers funds and other legislative programs.

Our Westminster-style government requires an effective Opposition to hold the government of the day to account. We haven't had an effective Opposition in WA for quite a while. There are various reasons for this.

One is dysfunctionality in the Liberal Party over the past several elections.

Another was COVID. In an emergency, we rallied behind our leaders.

If we want spending priorities to change from football teams and racetracks to hospitals, housing, and education, then the remedy lies with us, the voters, at the next election.

Sadly, we will have to wait another three years for this opportunity, and in the meantime the WA Government will continue to act with impunity. Our fault. We put it in a position to do this.

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