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on fishing for demersals from the South West to Broome.

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History lessons

Both Roger Cook and his deputy Rita Saffioti could do well to brush up on Australian political history, especially in regard to leaders who don't listen to advice they don't want to hear, or disagree with ("Perth Park' to reshape city", TST, Nov 23).

Campbell Newman, in Queensland, alienated the electorate with his obstinacy and was thrown out after one term of arrogant administration.

Gough Whitlam tried to "crash through or crash" and eventually did exactly that: his autocratic and belligerent style alienating the electorate. Cook and Saffioti are totally misreading the electorate with their pathetic Perth Park sales pitch. These days, anyone shaking hands with these two should count their fingers afterwards.

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"pivotal choice between standing up for its sovereign rights and preserving the American support it needs". Wow, with friends like that (the US) who needs enemies?

Nobody in their right mind would believe that a settlement offering many concessions from the country it invaded would not embolden Putin to carry out future aggressive action on his European neighbours. He's being rewarded this time. Trump is quoted as saying he's not thinking of more war. He's thinking punishment. What punishment?

Giving Putin what is proposed in the Trump peace

hand. Here's a peace plan to consider.

Russian troops retreat; Russia ceases to attack Ukraine; Russia returns any Ukrainian territory it has stolen. Russia (as punishment) to fund the rebuilding of the Ukrainian cities it has destroyed and Putin to be put on notice that any future aggression against any other nation will be met with whatever is necessary to stop him, on day one, not rewarding him after four years.

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We need migrants

curtailed through a lack of innovation. Immigration is how we achieved our existing quality of life. Our politicians have been preaching that limiting immigration is the solution to our shortages and on top of that say we can't house ourselves, let alone any additional people.

What the politicians don't say is that immigration should be encouraged for the people who will add value with the skills needed to achieve the goals we are not achieving. Wake up: we need people to fuel our (could-be very powerful) nation.

The simple solution is to encourage and bring in the