

# g won't ease future pain



**Basil Zempilas**

You're already failing by doing the opposite.

**Murray Alder, Canning Vale**

## Surprising result

The recent Demos AU poll, which indicated the Liberal Party leadership switch to Basil Zempilas has not boosted the party more, is very surprising (*News*, 4/12). I would have thought that the Basil Zempilas factor would have given the Liberal Party a sizeable boost in popularity. Perhaps it is time for some policies to be rolled out rather than daily criticism of the State Government.

**Ron Peckitt, Duncraig**

## One miss after another

Irrespective of State or Federal levels of government, it seems neither are capable of addressing the problems facing the general public. Federally, the Government is attempting to spend its way to oblivion with Treasurer Jim Chalmers pushing Australia into a debt spiral (*News*, 4/12).

Housing affordability is no longer affordable and electricity costs have gone through the roof with no sign of slowing down. The Prime Minister's promise of reducing my electricity bill by \$275 per year has not materialised and he no longer remembers that

promise. State governments seem to be failing as well. Victoria is riddled with crime and debt which they are unable to rein in. WA continues on a spending spree with projects such as a racetrack, while not being able to manage the basic requirements of running an election competently. It has now come to light the State Government has awarded a \$5 million tender for a drag strip at Perth Motorplex to a company linked to a senior Coffin Cheater bikie. I am becoming despondent at the level of amateurism in government with accountability, transparency and common sense apparently non-existent.

**George Bowden, Wembley**

## After an honest buck

While forced to accept severe restrictions on almost every aspect of their way of life, it now appears that bikies are not even permitted to engage in legitimate business (Bikie's \$5m Govt deal, *News*, 4/12). Tough to earn even an honest quid with this additional restriction.

**Tony Berger, Stirling**

## Grateful for this vote

After many years of waiting for WA to catch up with all other States and Territories, many West Australians finally have surrogacy legislation to plan for having their own families. Thank you to all those politicians from all parties whose conscience allowed them to support this much-needed legislation. You have helped many individuals and couples and their respective families to now have children and grand children, whereas previously this was not a possibility.

**Michael McLean, Bull Creek**

## All their fault

I think John Pisan's letter (4/12) was spot on. I think we should blame all that's wrong on Gary.

**Don Kinzett, Duncraig**

## Regal approval

Regarding Gary Sprunt's letter "Leave off the

Garys", (3/12). Hey, maybe we are special . . . I saw this on TV years ago.

**Gary Reynolds, Armadale**



## View from an expat

I'm from Seattle, Washington, US. My wife and I welcomed our baby girl in April, and when my parents flew out to meet her, they couldn't believe how beautiful Perth is, especially the amount of green space right in the city. If you've ever spent time in Washington State, you know how stunning Seattle is, surrounded by the Cascades and the Olympics, and with views of Mt Rainier almost everywhere you go but they were amazed by Perth's parkland.

I've only been here for three years, but this place is home now. That's why it's frustrating to even hear talk of turning this area into "Perth Park". Once you cover a green space in asphalt, that's it, you don't get it back.

**Josh Dipola, East Victoria Park**

## Will hit rough water

The proposed ferry service on the Swan is doomed to financial failure. The previous privately operated ferry from Applecross jetty did not last 12 months before it went broke, even with a government subsidy. Canning Bridge and Matilda Bay have no nearby parking. If a shuttle bus is provided that will be an extra cost. Commuters want rapid