

23rd November, 2025**MORE GOVERNMENT SPIN – BURSWOOD PARK TO BE RENAMED PERTH PARK**

The announcement today by Roger Cook and Rita Saffioti that Burswood Park will be renamed as Perth Park will not stop the community from calling them out about their plan to build a permanent motor racing circuit, destroying well used parkland and public open space. In response Dr Robin Harvey, Co-Chair of the Save Burswood Park Alliance highlighted that this rebrand is just spin. The government announcement in January was all about a V8 supercars circuit and it is still all about a supercars circuit! Changing the name of the park and placing the Supercars track as a footnote in their announcement makes no difference at all to our environmental and community based objections. They are still destroying an important inner-city park for a 12-15 metre wide permanent motor racing track and they are still covering it up.

Renaming the pits building and associated corporate facilities required for the Supercar Racing as a multifunction building and two indoor sports courts is more spin. These buildings are parts of the deal required by Supercars and we call this government out on it.

The newly released ‘artists impressions’ of the plan, which provides no new information, still looks like the plan mistakenly released by Hannah Beazley in February, so much for responding to the community feedback sessions with 98% of those attending saying they didn’t want a motor racing track. It still does not show with any clarity, the permanent roads being built through parkland and it even hides the widening of Camfield Drive – in fact we can’t see this road at all! We note with scepticism all the trees dotted around in this so called ‘new plan’ and we highlight that mature trees can’t be within 50 metres of a motor racing tracks for both safety and viewing reasons. The plan doesn’t show any safety run offs, where the temporary grandstands will be placed, where people will view the race and no places for the transport trucks to park – just a pretty picture.

In the summary business case released there is still no outline of the actual building costs, and we know what happens to projects built by this government. We can see there is at least \$25 million of recurrent costs each year and that the positive spin put on the business case is totally dependent on estimates of visitation numbers from Supercars events. We know from independent review of many past Supercar events in Sydney, Canberra and Hamilton that they are significantly overestimated using a lot of different strategies including free tickets, counting phone pings in the area, counting all workers as part of the visitation and counting the numbers that go to the associated concert event as attending.

Save Burswood Park Alliance members have been urging the government to follow the Burswood Park 20 Year Plan which already incorporates an amphitheatre and cycling tracks.

There is no motor racing track in this plan! As Dr Robin Harvey, Co-Chair of Save Burswood Park has said “If the government want to build the amphitheatre and cycling tracks we urge them to do so. We continue to ask why they are building a permanent supercar track in parkland that only Supercars Australia asked for, a private company owned by millionaires asked for, and few in the community believe is a good use of taxpayers’ money in these times of so many important competing demands.’

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