Might turn into a boat race circuit

Another aspect of the proposed Cook's Folly (the Burswood Park development), apart from destroying a wildlife park for a vehicle racetrack, is the construction of infrastructure on low-lying reclaimed mudflats beside a tidal river.

Climate change has brought devastation to parts of the Eastern States.

In the past week, we learnt that Lancelin is under threat from high, ferocious tides.

Scientists predict the melting polar regions will increase global sea levels by up to 5m in the next few decades.

The riverside development by the Causeway on the other side of the Swan River river, that was to be a luxury residential/commercial development, will now be a playing field, presumably because of water-based obstacles to building on that site. Spending hundreds of millions of public dollars to build on a riverside reserve that is at high risk of inundation in the foreseeable future is a very wasteful approach to managing the State's finances.

Andrea Shoebridge, Victoria Park

Premier Roger Cook.

At risk, for entertainment

Lancelin is losing its foreshore to erosion and begging the Government to provide sand dunes costing hundreds of thousands of dollars to save it.

It is true that healthy sand dunes and reef systems are the best and only long-lasting protection again erosion but where will they put these new sand dunes since they've built them out? Meanwhile, councils with support from the Government, are removing sand dunes and the accompanying vegetation, at a accelerated rate for "entertainment precincts" while at the same time sounding the alarm about severe erosion along the metropolitan coastline.

Wouldn't it be great if our councils and politicians could forward think just a little and realise that saving the dunes that are still there is going to save them millions in the future, maintain a healthy coastline for future generation and avoid the dreaded groynes and seawalls that nobody wants. The Government needs to be brave here and put a law in place that prevents any mor loss of coastal dunes and vegetation from buildings, housing and entertainment venues along the West Australian coastline, starting with marinas.

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