Just like Canberra

Mention has been made by numerous critics of Federal Parliament and its associated bureaucracy of the "Canberra bubble".

Inside this, politicians and their respective departments often live in splendid isolation from anyone and anywhere outside the ACT's borders.

They are cocooned from reality, with decisions made which are totally out of sync with the vast majority of the country's thinking.

I confess I was a part of it some decades ago, so I can vouch for its veracity.

Well, not to be outdone, Western Australia now has its own bubble, namely Dumas House in West Perth. Many senior ministers and their head honchos are headquartered there, oblivious to the sentiments of the wider community.

Some obvious recent examples are the Cook Government's attitude to violence and poverty in remote WA Indigenous communities, its response to expensive and unpopular follies such as a speedway at Burswood, a ferry terminal in Matilda Bay, and its promotion of the brutal neanderthal "sport" of UFC events, which are little more than legalised thuggery. I'm confident there are more examples.

Yes, WA truly has its own administration bubble.

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