Stop scapegoating & start rebuilding

I recently heard a speaker use the words "break down the normal and rebuild the what should be", and it occurred to me that this is exactly the position our current State Government should adopt in the face of continuing exposures of our failing health system and infrastructure (*News*, 14/8).

Instead of blindly defending the indefensible, it would be refreshing to hear our leaders concede that there are significant problems and present us with an achievable master plan for building the "what should be".

It is my view that our Government has an attitude problem compounded by a lack of belief that it is capable of achieving the desired changes necessary to adequately provide for the needs of the State's population.

Rudy Rybarczyk, Karrinyup

Own the failure

It has become patently obvious that our Premier is not up to the job. In fact he is a dud, as are several of his ministers.

They would have far more respect from the public if they would own the problems of the community and acknowledge their failure to deal with them and agree to address and fix them.

It is a pity that we don't have a mechanism to remove an incompetent government. As it is we are stuck with them for another three years.

All I can say is, God help the State.

K.H. Allister, Duncraig

Deaf to the reality

I have been wondering whether our Premier and his deputy need to spend some time visiting one of our "world class" hospitals.

I am not sure whether it is due to engagement with bare knuckle fights, rugby or standing next to noisy V8s, but

Roger Cook

both Roger Cook and Rita Saffioti seem to be deaf to the electorate.

I believe they are suffering from the affliction whereby they only hear their own self-congratulatory rhetoric and nothing else.

Premier, please stop wasting taxpayers' money on projects to satisfy your own vanity. What happened to you being humble?

Gerry Prewett, Victoria Park

Jetties are not needed

Why is funding hospitals less important than building two ferry jetties?

The Cook Government is proposing to build two large jetties at Canning Bridge when one already exists.

The result? Failing hospitals and three river jetties within 200m of each other.

Virginia Eggleston, Applecross

He's just too time-poor

I call on everyone to cut Premier Roger Cook some slack.

He simply hasn't the time to see or fix our crumbling health system. His mind is fully occupied by car racing, buying a football team, sponsoring million-dollar horse racing and building an unnecessary and unwanted ferry service.

He can't see or won't see the State's most pressing problem is our failed health system.

He is satisfied to cater for the bare minimum, with no allowance for a major catastrophe such as a plane crash, natural disaster or train derailment.

If Cook can't/won't see the problem and can't/won't give it his full attention, he is morally bound to step down and let someone with the ability to do so.

Cameron Bell, South Perth

State has enough money

How wrong John Rome is with his comments that taxes must be raised to fix problems (*Letters*, 15/8).

There is enough money — it's being misused and spent loosely.

Our infatuation with renewables to rule our power right now is also why there isn't enough money put into the right places.

Society has become mediocre with everything it does and people are generally not real good at anything — just average which is causing most issues in life.

R. Correia, Hamilton Hill

No one in residence

While agreeing with Drew Morton on the towns out of Perth forgotten by the WA Government (*Letters*, 15/8), I'd like to add Newman to that list.

With a steady population of around 10,000, including the FIFOs, there isn't a resident doctor — they are also FIFOs.

Back in the day, we had three permanent doctors. When BHP ran the town, they took care of everything.

And in answer to John Rome, who suggests raising taxes to pay for a better health service, I disagree.

We need better leadership, and spending on broken systems rather than building personal projects.

Nobody needs racetracks, a rugby league team or entertainment events.

Bring on a royal commission and get it fixed.

George Parry, Jarrahdale