

Track before everything

WA Premier Roger Cook and Treasurer Rita Saffioti's pet project, the Perth racetrack, has quietly commenced groundworks (*News*, 2/2), which does not come as a surprise with the underhanded way this Government operates.

Forget about the 40 plus schools without air conditioning so the kids suffer. Forget about the people including school-aged kids who are living on the streets.

Forget about the cost of living which is out of control.

Forget about our hospitals which are falling down around our ears.

Forget about the cost of houses skyrocketing. The list is endless.

Rather, \$217 million is wasted so a couple of egotistical politicians can get their jollies off. What a joke, but no one is laughing.

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Who actually wants it?

It seems that, despite heaps and heaps of protests from various sources, the construction of the racetrack has started. Does the public outcry ever get any attention from politicians?

Who is it who advocated for this racetrack? I have yet to see a letter in *The West Australian* giving this project his or her blessing.

Why wasn't this issue put to the people of this State for their opinion on whether this, at this present time, take precedence over problems we all know about? Hospitals and health systems, homelessness, etc.

The public's needs should come before certain parliamentarians pet projects.

And there is little doubt the racetrack will go over budget by several millions of dollars — and no doubt this will be shrugged off by our intrepid leaders as usual.

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