

Oh, so he's the one . . .

Just going through Monday's Letters pages and, lo and behold, a West Australian in favour of the new race track and imported rugby team.

Wow!

Roger and Rita can breathe easily again knowing that there will definitely be a fan at these glorious unwanted projects. The dynamic duo saved by the bell by this fan's attendance!

Richard Sims, Bull Creek

Was this fake views?

Perusing my mobile phone yesterday morning, I noted that Neil Young had passed away and Bob Dylan was involved in putting on a free concert for the US Immigration and Custom Enforcement crowd. Both obviously fake news.

I then had a scan of the Letters section of the paper, as you do, and noted a short missive headline, "I'm a fan of team & track".

I'm still trying to work out whether the writer possesses a very refined sense of irony or is dinky di, given the usual fulminations from the great unwashed on this subject.

Dirk Botje, Bull Creek



Can't pen-pushers work in corridors?

After a weekend on the coalface working in our public hospitals, I had a leisurely day off with no plans.

I thought I'd start the day with a cuppa and a read of the news. I was not expecting to get so irate so early in my day.

Our illustrious leader Roger Cook, justified his expensive need for more offices (*News*, 30/3) as, "we make no apology that 70 per cent of the growth has been in the health and education workforce".

Listen up, Roger, I'm going to help you out with some advice that will save you a few bob.

Most teachers, doctors and nurses already have buildings to work in — they're called hospitals and schools. I suggest you do what apparently is totally acceptable in these settings and throw in a few more desks, maybe some in the corridors.

If it's good enough for our students and sick patients...

Do you really need a view of the city and Kings Park?

In a State swimming in cash, you behave like a drunken sailor with back pay on shore leave. Ooh, look at all the pretty shiny things, meanwhile your ship is sinking.

Cost-of-living pressures, a housing crisis, the health service buckling and homelessness is a national disgrace.

Our emergency departments were full over the weekend during the wild weather with the vulnerable seeking a safe place.

But carry on with your vainglorious spending. I'm sure your rich mates will enjoy the racetrack, who needs trees?

You don't even need to see us any more now you've left Kwinana and are safely ensconced in your privilege bubble.

We're not waving, Roger, we're drowning.

Angela Grant, Waikei

Big staff, but no replies

The Cook Government needs another building for more



Dumas House

overpaid and under-worked State public servants, who I believe actually give little back to the community.

More pen-pushers doesn't help the nurses, doctors, ambulance ramping, police or teachers.

I email our Premier Roger Cook, and also my member for Kwinana, and all the other ministers, but I don't get any answers from them all.

Has the Cook Government increased more blocks to stop the voters from them ever receiving our emails or letters? Do junior staffers decide whether they want to show our emails to the chief staff so the actual addressees get to read what is addressed to them?

As a voter, I am entitled to contact the relevant ministers or my local member when I have a concern about what they are doing or not doing under the Federal or State Constitution. Why are we been denied this? More public servants equals money waste and more red tape.

Steven Cruden, Kwinana

Spending out of control

The West's front-page story yesterday again highlights the appalling performance of the Cook Government.

Having to spend \$3 million on accommodating the increasing numbers in the public sector is certainly not reflective in a health system which clearly has spiralled into a crisis, or in the education sector where our hard-working teachers are leaving in droves as recently

reported by various news outlets.

Whilst it's acknowledged the population has grown, the amount of taxpayers' money that is being spent in the public sector is extortionate to say the least.

The best way to describe the Cook Government is a freight train out of control.

M. Robins, Wandl

Deal would be dangerous

In 2017 Mathias Cormann, then a WA Liberal powerbroker, struck a deal with One Nation for preferences to be exchanged on a Statewide basis.

Colin Barnett was not happy with that deal, and with the benefit of a 20/20 hindsight, was proven to be far more prescient than his Federal colleague. So it was that the WA Liberal party were handed an absolute spanking by Mark McGowan.

Fast forward nine years and we have an Opposition Leader in Basil Zempilas who won't rule out a preference deal.

What is staggering is that the preference deal is with a party that wants to actually replace them as the Opposition in Parliament.

What makes this "deal" even more bizarre is that Zempilas holds the shadow portfolio of multicultural interests. To even consider an alliance with a party that is so blatantly anti-immigration and downright racist that it is going to ensure that the majority of us in the culturally and linguistically diverse community will not vote for him. Let me keep this in as simple terms as possible. Most of us who abhor racism will not vote for One Nation or its leader Pauline Hanson.

By entering the Liberal Party into this preference deal would mean that the unholy alliance created will be tarred with the same racism brush and condemn the Liberal Party to opposition status for the foreseeable future.

Suresh Rajan, Stirling