

A winter warning

Roger Cook and his government have given us, the West Australian public, a start date for the construction of his Burswood racetrack — which seems to be an unpopular choice if you listen to the person in the street. They have also given us a start date for the West Australian team into the NRL — a rugby league team in an AFL State — and I think, possibly, for the river ferry service.

What he has failed to give a start date to is the upgrade of the Midland hospital, the same hospital where an elderly lady last week suffered the embarrassment of being placed in a corridor for two days and given personal wipes for hygiene (*News*, 13/3). I wonder what the Premier would think as this being the new normal, as he stated, if it had involved his mother or father being stuck in that situation.

With winter soon to be on us and the complications this season has for our seniors. I can see more elderly patients being exposed to this.

All of this on top of the worst ambulance ramping in State history. Good to see this government has its priorities in order. One word of warning Premier, winter is coming.

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What else is normal?

Roger Cook has claimed that treating elderly patients in hospital corridors is “not ideal” but part of a normal part of meeting demand. Would he mind seeing his family or relatives left unattended in our hospital corridors?

I assume for Roger it is also normal to prioritise an unwanted racetrack over our crumbling health system. Is it normal to spend taxpayers’ money on a rugby league team instead of fixing our homeless and housing problems?

If all these things are normal for Roger and his sidekick Rita Saffioti, it indicates they have been in the job too long and maybe it’s time to move on.

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