Why do they ignore this horror story?

I no longer need to run out and purchase Stephen King's latest horror novel. Instead, I can turn to pages four and five of Saturday's The West Australian on Saturday and read Charlton Hart's terrifying account of his father's recent hospital stay.

A 37-hour wait for emergency surgery following a fall that left his father in excruciating pain with a shattered femur makes chilling reading.

Charlton was at pains to point out that he has nothing but praise for the ambulance and hospital staff who attended his father, but he was rightly scathing of the complete mess that is our health system.

Lack of operating theatres and resources, and unrelenting demand, are crippling the system.

Roger Cook, your deliberate obfuscation and blatant disregard of the truth in this crisis is certainly not worthy of a leader of our great State.

We deserve better. We want better. We certainly don't want a racetrack. Shape up, or ship out.

Trish Bradshaw, Carlisle

Keith Hart in hospital.

much the Labor Government is failing West Australians.

The arrogance of this Government is becoming patently obvious to those of us who have experienced the health system personally.

The West Australian public deserves much better from this Government and much more needs to be acknowledged and done to support our health system and workforce.

George Bowden, Wembley

Nothing has changed

The agony Keith Hart endured for 37 hours, I feel as if it were my own.

And more than that, I am

ambulance, and I raced from Perth only to spend a harrowing day with her. She was left sitting in a wheelchair in the emergency waiting room with no beds available and given a couple of oral pain-killers to ride out the pain of two shattered ankles.

By late afternoon, with nothing shifting and no end in sight to her dilemma, private insurance thankfully allowed us to arrange our daughter's transfer out to a city hospital, whereby later that evening she was on an operating table.

To read of Mr Hart's horror is not only unacceptable, it is unforgivable. None of what happened is a new issue, rather the manifestation only of a system beyond crisis, one seemingly close to collapse.

The delusion must end, Premier Cook, and decent decisions made pronto to end this crisis.

Wiggy Saunders, Perth

Cook not the one to fix it

Charlton Hart's gut-wrenching story of his father having to wait 37 hours for surgery is becoming a common