

No votes in helping

I read L.M. Slater's letter (24/6) with interest. She links homelessness with the money that is floating about for so-called vanity projects that Roger Cook and Rita Saffioti have, such as the Burswood racetrack and the Perth Bears rugby team.

If this dynamic duo cancelled both projects, then homelessness would not miraculously disappear. I don't think it is as simple as that.

I believe it is a lack of political willpower. Both major parties do not have any idea how to fix or reduce homelessness. Either it is a case of in the "too hard" basket, or they are clueless.

It is easier to spend money on things like the racetrack — which I predict will attract over 50,000 for the opening round in 2028, and the Perth Bears rugby club has attracted more than 18,000 members already.

And finally, there are no — or little — votes to be secured in trying to cure homelessness. However, they will lose many votes if they cancel projects that will have a significant effect on the tourism, hospitality and retail sectors of business.

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