

New track perfect to bring Indy back

The Perth Park motorsport circuit is likely to be used for a major event such as the upcoming Perth 500 Supercars race. Why not try to get an IndyCar round there as well?

There was once an Australian round of the IndyCar series that was held at Surfers Paradise on the Gold Coast and it would be great to see the IndyCar return to Australia, and why not Perth?

If Perth did host a round of the IndyCar series at Perth Park, it would attract thousands of interstate and international motorsport fans and it would be a great economic boost for Western Australia.

It would also be a great way to promote Perth internationally for tourism and business investment.

The IndyCar governing body has shown an interest in returning to Australia, and with the support from the Western Australian Government why not offer Perth Park as a venue for a return of an Australian round of the Indycar series?

Malcolm Webster, Boronia, Victoria

Boost public transport

It seems that Rita Saffioti needs a good reason not to continue with her racetrack, so may I propose free public transport?

Returning from the Mount Hospital, it took me 2½ hours on Friday afternoon to go south past the turn-off roads into Mandurah. It is normally under an hour from the Causeway. All lanes were tightly packed with vehicles, inching along at the very best, for whatever reason.

No doubt this will worsen with the forecast future



The Gold Coast Indy 300 in 2008.

doubling of our WA population.

And how come the right-hand lane travels the slowest?

At the Midway service station, the queues to the food outlets, occupied seating and the amount of people waiting to use the toilets was a put-off — and the blokes using the male devices need a trip to Specsavers or a longer delivery hose to make things more pleasant for others following.

It took another hour and a bit to reach Treendale from there, when the average total travel time is 1½ hours normally.

So, if we go without Roger's rugby team, can we please remove most cars from our under-designed freeways by providing frequent and free public transport 24/7 to Perth from all the population clusters north, east and south?

Get the commuters on to buses and trains and give some pleasure to the tourists.

Henry Sims, Australind

Cities need sprucing up

I visited Perth city centre last week and noticed how old and rundown it looked.

I also visited Fremantle last week and it too looks neglected and tired. Empty shops in both

cities, and vagrants sleeping on the streets and in doorways.

And yet when the City of Perth council launches a plan to turn boring into exciting, Rita Saffioti slams it as a waste of money.

Let's not forget how Saffioti and Roger Cook spend our money on things they want without asking us if we want them — rugby league team, racetrack.

Let's get behind the council and try to make Perth an exciting city. If we want tourists we need to learn from successful cities. A great example is Singapore.

Brian Thompson, Claremont

Fine one to talk

How ironic that "Racetrack Rita" Saffioti can accuse Perth's Lord Mayor of wasting money on a plan for a light rail system in our city.

She, to me, is the personification of how to waste money on unwanted pet projects.

A tram system would be an attractive addition to Perth.

A supercar racetrack is a noisy smelly project, rejected by the majority, which, without a doubt, will cause further parking problems and no doubt will also have a massive overrun on costs.

Richard Sims, Bull Creek

Not fun if others do it

Roger Cook and Rita Saffioti have totally ignored the voices of most of the WA electorate and carried on wasting taxpayers' money building their ego projects.

Not so much fun when the boot is on the other foot is it?

Georgie Dowd, Mundaring