

ALP doing Hanson's job for her

In "Basil must beware risky bedfellows" (Opinion, Mar 29), Joe Spagnolo warns Basil Zempilas against entering a preference deal with Pauline Hanson's One Nation Party, pointing to the result of the 2017 election when Colin Barnett struck a deal with them.

But what he doesn't take into consideration is One Nation's popularity rating at that time in WA was about 2 per cent, compared with 17 per cent today. Labor's election in 2017 was won off the back of their relentless highlighting of the State's debt, which, even with the subsequent fortuitous massive rise in iron ore royalties and GST receipts, nine years down the track the McGowan/Cook governments have yet to make a dent in.

Even with their comparatively much lower revenue stream, the Barnett government managed to deliver a number of beneficial public amenities, including 15 new hospitals and health facilities, Elizabeth Quay, Perth City Link, Ocean Reef Marina and, of course, Perth Stadium, the name of which Labor sold to Optus for a few bucks, and continue to dine out on. Since then, all the wasteful Labor Government has given us are a grossly over-cost railway track, a couple of well over-budget

bridges and a plethora of their own vanity projects, and zero much-needed hospitals, while allowing our health system to deteriorate to a dangerous and embarrassing level, and the housing crisis to spiral well out of control.

The WA public are now increasingly becoming thoroughly p...d off by this Government's hubris and wastefulness and, due to this, making a deal with Pauline Hanson just may have very little bearing on the outcome of the next election.

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Sting is in supply

So, Mr Albanese has reduced the fuel tax to help Australian families.

That's fine, but it's more fuel we need. It has been mentioned emergency services will not be affected. Well, maybe their trucks, cars and ambulances will have fuel, but what about those who need to drive from home to the depots, stations and hospitals to provide us with these emergency services that we need and rely upon. How do they get fuel with so many service stations running out? Some people can work from home, but paramedics, volunteer ambulance officers, police, fire, SES and hospital workers

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