

- **85 per cent oppose Burswood racetrack**
- **Development 'wrong for the area'**
- **Community wants more green spaces, less noise**

Recent feedback on the WA Government's proposed Burswood V8 Supercars racetrack shows 85 per cent of respondents are strongly opposed to the project.

Co-chair of the Save Burswood Park Alliance, Sue Quinn, said that negative comments vastly outnumbered those in favour, both at the government drop-in sessions and on its consultation platform.

"When a community instinctively and immediately opposes a development, it usually means the development is wrong for the area," Ms Quinn said. "In view of this, it is hard to understand why the government is so set on proceeding with it."

She said it was unclear if the motor sport industry would make any financial contribution to the race track.

"If the industry- made up of very rich people - won't support it, then why should taxpayers who oppose it have to do so?" she asked.

(Supercars Australia is owned by Racing Australia Consolidated Enterprises Ltd (RACE), a consortium of Australian private investors.)

Many people including motorsports enthusiasts commented that they were concerned about the Burswood location, and suggested funds should instead be spent on upgrading Wanneroo Raceway and other regional venues.

Other ideas were to plant more native trees and plants to protect wildlife and water birds and establishing a botanic garden of diverse and endemic plants to connect existing wetlands.

A popular comment was to implement the Burswood Park 20-year master precinct plan instead, a project that had involved extensive community consultation.

Future planning should also honour and protect Noongar cultural connections.

"We need more green spaces and less noise," Ms Quinn said. "Many people feel motor sports are outdated and not aligned with the WA Government's electric vehicle strategy.

"Some also warned that past venues for V8 Supercars, including Newcastle and Canberra, offered cautionary tales of the negative impact, social and economic, and declining popularity of V8 Supercars events.

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