

A new view that no one wants to see

Stirling mayor Mark Irwin purports that a boardwalk through the the last remaining coastal dune system will give locals and visitors a different view of the coast we love (*The Sunday Times*, 30/11) — and it certainly will.

Yep, I can see a dune system filling with rubbish as a throwaway, active-wear generation race, jog, meditate, personal train and have a latte from the inevitable pop-ups, as they speed read the six Noongar season information boards, apparently put up to educate on the eternal love of nature while actually vandalising.

I have surfed this stretch for 50 years and never needed such amenities. I have never had a need to disturb the dune system, which is imperative to actual health of the coastline.

The attraction of this particular part of the coast is the untouched dune system.

Fixing West Coast Highway would be a better start. Always the cart before the horse in the City of Stirling.

Frank Mikulandra, Mosman Park

All projects, no goodwill

It is the start of the festive season, and to add cheer to our homeless and less fortunate, the City of Stirling considering to spend \$25 million creating a footpath to join two beaches.

Wow! Such an urgent and necessary outlay for a footpath.

It seems there is ample money around WA for non-urgent and not needed projects, whilst we have people struggling to find



The planned boardwalk.

accommodation, hospital beds and so forth.

It seems priorities must be given to pet projects. Don't any of the people making these proposals care about the less fortunate people in our community?

It appears that goodwill has flown out of the proverbial window, and an air of selfishness prevails.

Richard Sims, Bull Creek

We've been here before

Claremont speedway ran for 73 years, but was closed after the population grew around the Showground and residents complained about the noise.

Does Roger Cook think there won't be similar noise issues at Burswood? Would a factory producing the same amount of noise be permitted to be built there?

Bob Simpkins, Pinjarra

Listen, or follow the Libs

If Labor governments don't want to end up like the current Liberal parties, they need to hear what the disappointed are saying, not just take

parliamentary dominance as a sign there are no more battles to win.

For the WA party, it's the racetrack and the ferry.

For the Federal party, it's the increased secrecy by modifications to FoI legislation, having promised the opposite. Do they think we don't notice, or that we don't care? Wrong on both counts.

Tony Jackson, Applecross

Time to vote them out

With our Premier and his ministers not actually listening to the people of this great State, I'm thinking it's perhaps time for a vote of no confidence.

Phillip Kuhne, Nungarin

Can't have it both ways

So Enzo Leone would support extending the vote to 16-year-olds when they are considered adults in the eyes of the law (*Letters*, 28/11).

That's an interesting point isn't it? Many people, with good intentions I am sure, insist juvenile law breakers be sentenced as children, not adults, irrespective of the crime they have committed. That includes murder, armed robbery, home invasion, serious assault and car theft — no crime is excluded.

Why should the Australian public allow 16-year-olds the responsibility of voting in local government, State and Territory as well as Federal affairs when they are not held responsible and accountable for their actions in the community?

It truly beggars belief.

Brian Plester, Como