

After this, Cook has to read the room

It is beyond belief that our freeways are now becoming an outsourced emergency department.

The lives of a baby and young mother were endangered after the baby was born on the freeway (*News*, 7/2).

The parents' attempts to get help at the Midland St John of God Public Hospital were futile as there was no one there who could help, even though they had to wait four hours to hear that.

Did the decision-maker not realise how far away Rockingham Hospital was?

Based on current statistics, there would have been any number of ambulances ramped at the hospital which could have taken that mother under lights and sirens.

Congratulations to the young father who managed to keep driving knowing the agony his wife would have been in.

Roger Cook, you can't continue to ignore the dire straits that our hospitals are in.

While you are continuing to throw money at your pet projects like racetracks, rugby teams and ferries, not only are you adding to inflation — RBA governor Michelle Bullock blames government spending for driving up inflation — but draining resources that should be spent on basic needs.

When are you going to start reading the room and actually getting out and speaking to people to find out what we really need?

Your government is like a family who spends their food money on ice-cream, then can't afford food to make a meal.

I'm sure members of your government watch the news and read the papers.



Paramedics with the newborn.

You can't all be blind to what's happening.

Dianne Opie, Dalyellup

And yet track will stay

I was outraged on reading the horrific circumstances of the couple who had to convert their vehicle into a delivery room on the side of a busy freeway, obviously lacking the necessary experience or training to manage such a moment.

It beggars belief that in Perth in 2026 this could happen. Where is our world-class medical system when it is most needed? Please explain, Roger Cook.

I look forward to hearing how our Premier wriggles out of this obvious failing of the hospital system in WA.

But do not worry, you will still get a racetrack around Burswood.

The number of questions that this occurrence presents is sufficient to keep a serious inquiry busy for a year and yet the hospital claims to have dealt with their duty of care in a matter of weeks, and only a four-line response is given to the possible hundred questions that need answering.

This is a monumental failing of the State Government and

the hospital system that must not be swept under the racetrack.

R. J. Higgins, Ardross

WA's biggest problem

It is a bit late to say sorry.

The Midland Hospital, or any other in a similar circumstance, should be condemned in the strongest possible manner for refusing to deliver a baby. No bed or whatever doesn't cut it.

What is the difference between delivering a baby on a couch in a hospital or on the side of a busy freeway?

Well, for one, the former would have specialist treatment available in the delivery process.

This Government has a serious problem, far bigger than the rail network or car circuits.

N.J. Davidson, Yalyalup

Pollies just baffling

We truly are blessed with the standard of politicians today.

A young couple get kicked out of hospital and are forced to have their baby on the side of the freeway. The hospital obviously isn't financed sufficiently to look after the couple, but a racetrack and a rugby team can be.

When questioned about spending causing inflation, Jim Chalmers and his mates sit there grinning and smirking (*News*, 7/2)

To top it all off, as reported in *The West* again, repairs to the asbestos-riddled headquarters of the Reserve Bank are possibly going to cost \$1.2 billion — yes, billion — to fix (*News*, 7.2)!

How do they sleep at night?

Norman Ellery, Eaton