

Left to swan around in confusion

These two swans and four cygnets were hemmed in by the government branding of the Premier's pet project at Burswood Park. They were very confused, they can't read and don't understand the benefits of "economic diversification" when it leaves them homeless. We were promised that the fauna would be cared for. Humbug, day 2 and a promise broken already, Roger Cook. Shame on you.

Gerry Prewett, Victoria Park

Poor omen for track

Recently I drove the Bunbury bypass road. I hope Rita Saffioti chooses a different contractor for her racetrack. The bypass has only been open a short while and much of it is being ripped up and relaid. If the bypass has crumbled in such a short time, I can only imagine the cost of a properly made V8 Supercars roadway.

Gary Sprunt, Jandakot

Origin ump, too, please

In response to Brian Plester's



Swans and cygnets seem puzzled by the fencing. Pictures: Gerry Prewett.



(18/2) reply to to my letter (16/2), my first suggestion to him would be to check the history of past State of Origin games. Every Origin game in the past has always had a WA-bred umpire and a Victorian-bred umpire appointed to these games.

Just because the four umpires officiating in this game were the grand final umpires from 2025 doesn't mean they will be the best umpires in 2026.

To even suggest that a Brett Rosebury (550 games) or a Nathan Williamson (200-plus games) would not have done as good a job is a bit of an insult to

these two outstanding ex-WA umpires.

Finally, it was extremely pleasing to read Glen Jakovich's comment asking that a WA umpire be appointed to the next State of Origin game, which confirms my thoughts.

Trevor Rees, Erskine

Raise the wings

State of Origin was a great game and let's do it again, but next time can we have a fighting swan on the jumpers? The duck on the pond does nothing for me.

Ron Warren, Safety Bay