

right about everything: .

God help Prime Minister Anthony Albanese if he should ever be granted an audience. Whatever should he wear?

Peter Palmer, Swan Hill

Each pulling the strings

I wholeheartedly agree with Robin Kemp (*Letters Extra*, 23/8) regarding the State Government's irresponsible spending of taxpayer dollars on projects such as the motorsport circuit in Burswood Park.

The problem is that, whilst our Government is democratically elected, government policy is strongly influenced by the wealthy few. The reality is that Australia is run by billionaires.

As long as this is the case, the government of the day will not adequately respond to pressing social and environmental issues such as wealth inequality and climate change.

In order to make meaningful progress on the biggest challenges facing society, we must first address the influence of big business on all levels of government.

Sonya Elek, Paddbury

Please break promise

If the proposed race circuit was an election promise by Roger Cook, then I think most people would be extremely happy if he broke that promise.

Don Kinzett, Duncraig

They'd only waste it

John Rome (*Letters Extra*, 23/8) suggests boomers should willingly pay extra tax to look after future generations. Sounds good? I don't think so!

Mr Rome is assuming the

governments will spend the extra money wisely. When Kerry Packer was asked if he was minimising his tax, he replied that he was because "as a government . . . you aren't spending it that well, that we should be donating extra"

And this is the crux of the matter — no amount of increased taxes will resolve the government's revenue shortfall, because they would simply use or rather misuse it on their next under-budgeted scheme. Consider these — NDIS, health, Metronet, the Snowy River 2 Scheme, energy transition, racetracks, rugby teams. Do I need to continue

Wayne Bowen, Trigg

Boomers not at fault

I won't accept us baby boomers being blamed for current difficulties, John Rome.

My dad arrived in Melbourne in 1952, followed by mum two years later, with nothing but big hearts and hard-working hands. They sacrificed and saved to ensure we children would have a secure roof over our heads and an education, which, due to poverty and war, they didn't get.

That we inherited their values of budgeting and saving, love and responsibility to provide for ourselves and our children deserves praise, not criticism. The reward — not that we are that well off — is that it is as much my parents as us who feel the benefit.

Moreover, the calls to make boomers pay by taxing superannuation is another superficial social media meme.

The reality is most baby