

s just more distractions



Basil Zempilas

No way to win us back

If the Liberal Party wants to retain the female vote in Western Australia, they need to assure their leader that intimidation and bullying is not acceptable. Nor is apologising “because he had to” going to win him any friends.

Basil Zempilas attaining the top job without having to work his way up through the ranks will no doubt show many cracks as the pressure builds.

He has a lot to learn and hopefully not at the expense of Opposition females.

Deirdre McGorry, Greenmount

Just a part of the job

With regard to the Labor MP feeling intimidated by Basil Zempilas, here's some advice: if you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

John Anderson, Mindarie

WA must show prudence

The West's editorial yesterday opposing any change to GST allocation appears to support recent ministerial comments (*News*, 27/2). Like all West Australians, I support our State receiving a fair share from the Federal Government in line

with the strong economic contribution we make to the national economy each year.

Despite this contribution, WA continues to manage the challenges of a comparatively small population base while still needing to adequately fund hospitals, teachers and a broad range of essential community services.

At the same time, calls for increased GST support should be considered alongside State spending priorities.

When funding is directed towards projects such as racetracks, major sporting events, ferries and other discretionary initiatives, it is understandable taxpayers may question whether limited funds are always being channelled to the most pressing needs.

A fair GST outcome is important for WA, but equally important is prudent financial management at home.

The most convincing argument for a greater share from Canberra will be demonstrated when Western Australians can clearly see that existing revenue is being spent wisely and delivers tangible benefits across the community.

Ewin Armstrong, Mt Hawthorn

Give them two years

Just a thought, would it be possible for all States and Territories to receive the same GST payout as WA for two years, then revisit the matter?

This should give enough time for individual treasurers and their masters to adjust their grandiose ideas and make their plans fit the budget, rather than the opposite.

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