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# Quay to success is over east

Your editorial ("Our CBD deserves the love", Nov 30) was spot on.

Right now, living in the concrete canyons of the city is a totally unattractive proposition. This is not just because of a shortage of apartments in or near the city. It's essentially the result of bad government planning, with political vanity projects like the convention centre, the Bell Tower (pictured) and Elizabeth Quay being constructed at the expense of public amenity. I don't know about you, but I've never heard anyone say "let's visit Elizabeth Quay" (cost in excess of \$2 billion), or the highly subsidised Bell Tower (\$7 million). In particular, the Elizabeth Quay project (aka Betty's Jetty) was in reality a massive opportunity lost. I urge planners to look at South Bank in Brisbane — landscaped parks, walking trails, a museum, a State library and art gallery, picnic areas, a huge man-made swimming pool and artificial beach, plus restaurants and cafes. Perth's Esplanade and Langley Park, from Mounts Bay Road to the Causeway, was

the ideal location for a similar, forward-thinking project. Yes, I'm aware that there was a World Expo in Brisbane in 1988, which stimulated the development of South Bank. So, what does the Cook Labor Government do? Propose a car racetrack and Perth Park, 5km from the Perth CBD. This will be known as Cook's cock-up.

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## A Test of respect

We often read of the anxiety suffered by our top athletes who push themselves to the limit in an effort to give of their best at each event.

The minute they have an off day, both their followers and the media attack them mercilessly. Is there any wonder they suffer from anxiety and, sadly, at times take devastating action to end it all. Last week's The Sunday Times had a photo of Ben Stokes with the words "Not arrogant, just rubbish". Even if he did say those words, was it really necessary to print it in such a manner? Every player, regardless of the sport, gives of their best, as their pride and respect for

teammates would not allow anything less. In most sports, there is usually only one winner: be it that the winning team was better on the day, or things just went their way.

Go and watch the game you love, whatever that sport may be. Cheer hard for your team, but be respectful to all players.

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## No screen dream

7News presenter Samantha Jolly certainly sounds as though she has her work cut out for her in trying to negotiate less screen time for her two sons ("It's all good news", TST, Nov 30).

Her constant struggle to reduce screen time is possibly being helped by the social media ban coming in.

As Jolly states, she can now blame the Prime Minister for reducing screen time, which should be a powerful deterrent.

I wonder how many households have similar struggles, with some helpful solutions that can be provided to other parents?

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## Justice court out

Is there any point in searching for arsonists (TST, Nov 30) when one of the last idiots that went through the court system was given 100 hours community service?

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## The road to regret

How to destroy a Class A reserve ("Path of least regret", TST, Nov 30).

Put the City of Stirling in charge to manage this conservation area — a pristine, isolated sand dune that provides a buffer from Scarborough — and you have a recipe for disaster. Just imagine the alcohol-fuelled

parties wandering down to the boardwalk after Scarborough closes for the night. Bottles, rubbish, fights, bodies entwined. Another place for police to control.

It's a definite no from me.

**LISA THOMPSON**  
Trigg

## Pet project peeves

Rita's Racetrack around Perth Park in the shadow of Colin's Colosseum!

Alliteration makes names more memorable and can be a bit of fun, not malicious, just meant to make you smile and remember. The Deputy Premier must admit the Supercars racetrack has been a pet project of hers.

Similarly, the \$100 million Fremantle Film Studios was meant to be former Premier Mark McGowan's swan song, but he had to settle for saving us all from being exposed to a deadly disease.

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