

Cook must stop shameful appeal against sex abuse payout

1 What's happened to Premier Roger Cook and the State Government that he leads? When and how did they so badly lose their moral compass and become so out of touch? We're not talking about racetracks, rugby teams or Italian soccer matches here, we're talking about the victim of child sexual abuse. Mr Cook says the State Government will make up the difference if the appeal is successful in reducing Dion Barber's \$2.8 million payout for



feel, Mr Barber replied: "Absolutely mortified; gutted actually. I feel like I'm just being kicked in the guts once again. It's pitiful." He's absolutely right, as if he hasn't endured enough. Remember, it's not the verdict being appealed against — the judge called him a

lost his way and Mr Barber is paying the price. **3** Has anyone been able to work out what the deal is with that extra racetrack land at Burswood yet? You don't have to be a cartographer to see the Government is going to need land owned by Crown Resorts to complete the track, so what's the deal? **4** While we're asking questions, maternity facilities at QEII, yes or no? For a Government which

that sponsorship arrangement comes to an end after the 2027 football season. I wonder if the Premier told the CEO of Optus when they met last week he wasn't planning on offering a contract extension. I hope so. **6** As someone who hasn't had a drink since December 31, 2019 — for no other reason other than I wanted to have an alcohol-free start to that new year — and has just kept going, I say to the booze-free generation

8 And by the way, what on earth is a curtain bangs hairstyle? **9** The WA Liberals' listening tour is in our glorious South West this week. It's been my pleasure to join the member for Vasse and the member for Warren-Blackwood in their local areas. As always housing — or lack thereof — is a major issue, as is the stalled expansion of Busselton Airport. **10** As the NRL decider demonstrates every

