

Even some race fans cool on this one

While I appreciate that the Cook Government is seeking additional revenue opportunities for the State beyond what we can dig up from, and grow upon, WA soil, I seriously question that a motor racing circuit, running a domestic series, will bring hordes of spectators and dollars to Perth from interstate or overseas.

I am a motorsport enthusiast who has owned race car teams, competed in motorcycle and car racing and I am a keen follower of international motorsport events but Supercars is not an event which draws me. Further,

I feel that the popularity of Supercars is in decline since the demise of the traditional rivalry between Falcons and Commodores.

The Government's "consultation" process with impacted nearby residents and others is a sham and a business case outlining establishment and ongoing costs against projected revenue has never been tabled.

Meanwhile, a sizeable chunk of the projected \$217 million project cost is already being



V8 Supercars 20 years ago.

spent on the proposed site as geotechnic surveys have proceeded with plenty of equipment and manpower deployed. Roger and Rita, you have been sold a "dud" by the Supercars series promoters and we, the WA taxpayers, and the displaced parkland wildlife, will all pay the price.

Jeff McCann, Burswood

Pipedreams

In regards to the article "It's Cook versus big miners on carbon" (*Business*, 10/9), with the Premier up in arms about BHP going back on its climate action in the Pilbara, what does he think comes out of the

tailpipe of race cars . . . oxygen? I am sure if private enterprise thought Supercars was profitable, they would have proposed an upgrade to the Wanneroo racetrack.

Lionel Davis, Kalamunda

Give Elon a call

Earlier this week, it was revealed the Tesla car manufacturer had been denied a request to do practical testing of their unoccupied self-drive cars around the streets of Melbourne.

As reported, the Victorian Department of Transport and Planning requires a permit to ensure automated vehicle trials are conducted safely. Given Melbourne's historic city traffic rule concerning right turns from the far left lanes, I find it difficult to work out just how any self-drive car could sanely calculate that functionality. However, it does show there might just be an emerging purpose for the controversial Burswood auto racing facility.

Utilise "Cooky's Crash Course" for the Tesla testing!
Harvey Pearce, Queens Park