

change jailing outrage
 an Assange (Assange jailed
 50 weeks, *News*, 2/5) would
 e been better off robbing a
 k than revealing what
 erica didn't want us to
 w. It's an outrage. No harm
 done to Australia or
 erica, only pride hurt over
 r lack of security and being
 smarted by a journalist.
In Moppett, Doubleview

terring over the top
 need tougher penalties for
 rring. In 2010, eight million
 nes of rubbish ended up in
 cean, equivalent to five
 ery bags of rubbish for
 y foot of coastline.
 ll you need to do is take a
 in the Basin at Rottneest to
 erstand how littering is
 aging our environment.
 uch of the litter comes from
 food packages. This shows
 food companies need to aid
 ne reduction of litter by not
 ng so much packaging or by
 king it biodegradable.
 e can make a difference,
 Stop littering and pick up
 e trash today.

**ie Stevens, Churchlands Senior
 School**

gles still winners

t a quiet word to everyone
 n at the West Coast club
 ns. So now you are not a
 mpionship team unless you
 ack to back? You blokes
 e done us proud. Enjoy your
 on as premiers.

ard Hithersay, Fremantle

ange priorities

en it comes to news we have
 lly crossed the Rubicon.
 irst, violence in a Secret
 our shopping centre by
 e 30 young people — yet
 in. Our Premier Mark
 Gowan's response was
 ecting how shocked and
 ressed we all were. Very
 ssuring. Suggestions for
 on: Nil.

second, guidelines from our
 ernment on how we look
 r our dogs. Be careful
 ing over speed bumps.
 hank God we have such
 ht. Such wisdom. Such

Save Moore River land for a park

In his book *A Sense of Place*, Professor George Seddon wrote: "Moore River is a unique piece of Western Australia's environmental and historic heritage. I know of nowhere else in the world where it is possible to experience a close approximation to pre-settlement conditions, and this makes the south bank immensely valuable for the future in its near natural state."

This is the parcel of land five times the size of Kings Park that the Plunkett family are targeting overseas investors to buy and develop into a new coastal town the size of Manjimup (*News*, 1/5).

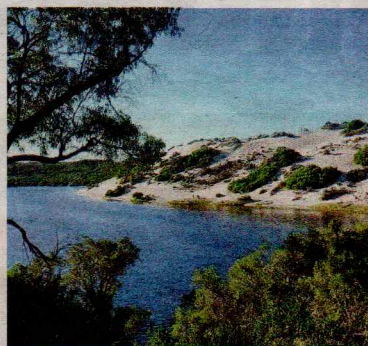
If this is such a unique opportunity for a developer, as being promoted by JLL, one has to ask the question "why isn't Moore River Company developing this land and, why has it not sold after four years on the market".

The history of this development as described by Ben Harvey and Paul Murray (*Business*, 1/5) is murky, and has had strong community opposition throughout.

Is the answer to the question I asked above, that the proposed development has become too costly to develop; major contributing factors being the huge expense of constructing two separate roads into the property to mitigate extreme bushfire risk, the costly arrangements for the supply of power and water and further high-level flora assessments entailing additional consultancy costs.

Needless to say these costs would be passed on to prospective buyers, who would have to meet the additional high costs of building in a bushfire prone area.

It is time for the State Government to take up Alannah MacTiernan's vision to acquire the land and turn it into a regional park to protect



At Moore River.

the mouth and lower reaches of the Moore River for present and future generations.

Moore River is much loved by the thousands of visitors it hosts at weekends and holiday times. Only one hour's drive from Perth, the Moore River Estuary could become the Kings Park of the north with a visitor centre/research station focusing on threatened species such as the Carnaby's black cockatoos, banksia woodlands, the tuart woodlands (about to be listed) and more. With the recreational pastimes of kayaking and sand boarding on hand, such a park would be an ideal site for an educational centre for school camps.

Gillian Lamont, Guilderton

Not seniors abuse

People who chose a self-managed superannuation fund 30 years ago were aware of the advantages and disadvantages. Taxation laws and regulations have changed virtually every year during that time. In past weeks Prime Minister Scott Morrison and the Liberal Party have called Labor's proposed, not legislated, superannuation policy "seniors abuse". They believe self-managed accounts should not have to pay tax like millions of citizens have done for many years. Apparently there only one or two countries in the world like Australia that have a dividend franking

system. In June 2016 I applied for a part-pension as I had a modest government superannuation account. I was allowed \$360 a month.

Five months later, two days before Christmas, I got a letter from then treasurer Morrison saying I did not deserve or qualify for it any more. It was changed to \$60 or about 80 per cent less for the rest of my life. That's what I consider "seniors abuse". Later I thought I may have made a mistake 30 years ago. Should I have put my money in a Caribbean bank as Liberal prime minister Malcolm Turnbull did?

Ken Preece, Innaloo

Equity missing

Companies employ workers and pay them a gross wage less the tax sent to the Australian Taxation Office. If the tax paid exceeds the amount owed, it is refunded. This is the same way it works for shareholders ... at the moment. Neither employees nor shareholders have paid tax directly to the tax office.

It has been paid by the company on their behalf. Bill Shorten would have us believe shareholders have not paid tax, so should not receive any refunds.

On the basis of equity, will he apply the same reasoning to workers and PAYG paid?

Anne Ismail, Woodlands

Ballot paper unwieldy

I voted yesterday as I will be otherwise engaged on May 18. Beforehand, I had consulted the Australian Electoral Commission website and ranked all 66 Senate candidates so that I controlled preferences.

But the Senate ballot paper was too wide for the voting booth, so I had to keep turning it over to complete my vote. So, AEC, for the next election, how about changing the shape of the paper so it fits in the booth.

Gary Clyne, Inglewood