

DEFENCE UNDESERVED

WHY are some Southern Metropolitan Regional Council members continuing to put out articles defending it?

One member council had withdrawn from the regional council and others are considering it.

In addition, there have been Legislative Council and Department of Environment and Conservation findings against the regional council and local State MPs are calling for SMRC heads.

Yet some councillors still say how good the regional council is. They do not deserve to be our community leaders.

**Christopher Boots,
Parkwood.**

PROUD OF WALES

I WAS born in Glamorgan in Wales where I lived for 26 years before I came to Australia in 1953.

I felt that the heading on Ron Willis' recent letter "Jones the cricket" about the Test match in Cardiff was very demeaning.

I respect tradition; Wales is steeped in it. However, cricket is now an international sport to be enjoyed by everyone. Times are changing and we need to adapt.

When an Ashes series of five Tests is played in Australia other States host a game, which enables everyone to see some good cricket and to barrack for their nation.

If Mr Willis would like to keep the Tests played solely in England for the English, might I suggest that the team be solely English also and not use the expertise of foreign coaches and not occasionally field a player born and raised in another country, but eligible to play because of his British parents – and dare I say it, a Welshman from the Glamorgan team.

I hope the Australians win the Ashes.

Cymru am Bydd (Wales for ever).

**Doreen Brown,
Gosnells.**

LAUNDRY DAY BLUES

AS everybody is struggling now more than ever with the cost of living and so on, it really frustrates me that there are very few laundromats in the area.

I'm a sole parent and can't afford a dryer, so going to the laundromat is extremely necessary.

When I do go the laundromat is overcrowded, so obviously there are many people in similar circumstances.

With the weather being what it is, it is really important for people to have dry clothes, especially for our children.

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DEATH PENALTY NEEDED

I BELIEVE in bringing back the death penalty, provided the murder or abduction of the victim by the assailant/s are filmed on security cameras, which are in most areas now and becoming more in demand.

I realise that this alone may not be the total deterrent... but with our shocking lax sentencing it would definitely stop this constant re-offending.

The rape and murder of a young Chinese student in Perth only recently should never have happened.

**Michael Monroe,
Victoria Park.**

CURE IS REQUIRED

AS I get older and need to visit medical consultants more often, I find there are problems within the industry.

GPs, who tend to become referral agencies, are difficult to see without a waiting period. It takes even longer to

see the referred consultant and the costs begin to escalate.

If, at the end of all this time the condition still prevails and another consultant is required, time and money have been wasted.

The alternative is to present at a hospital emergency unit and get the job done. However, this blocks the hospital system and could delay patients in a more serious condition.

The situation between GPs and the hospital would be eased if the Federal Government was in charge of the medical industry.

Instead of just the GPs, the Government would also manage the hospitals and streamline the whole system with hopefully savings in each State.

I would also like to see a register on the consultant profession whereby patients can express their opinion of their experiences with their consultant.

After all, we are all judged by the job we do and the medical profession should be no different. This would hopefully give an informed choice when a medical condition appeared and we needed advice.

GPs have a book of people dealing with various conditions, but it seems a lottery as to who you get: after all most GPs have not tried out all the consultants themselves.

**Michael Johnston,
Subiaco.**

FINE PRINCIPLES

WITH a large number of elderly citizens living in the Perth area, let us all be mindful of the United Nations Principles for Older Persons:

Older people should be able to live in dignity and security and be free of exploitation and physical or mental abuse.

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