



REASON TO VOTE

THE Point Peron development announcement is a timely reminder of the importance of voting in local council elections.

And with the strong support for this project from some existing Rockingham city councillors, we can clearly see that local government is about a lot more than barking dogs and fence disputes.

While I certainly agree that we need improved boating facilities, I don't believe that the average ratepayer/taxpayer should be subsidising people who own very large boats.

In addition to the \$3.7 million, the proposed canal housing development at Point Peron will require the selling of public assets, a Bush Forever site and part of a regional park to fund the

canal/marina development.

There is already a "user pays" marina under development at the northern end of Rockingham beach out from the Wanliss Street car park.

This other marina development (Port Rockingham) will be fully funded by the developer with no need for any public subsidies.

With funding being cut to police services, health services as well as the reduction in the compensation promised to victims of abuse through the Redress scheme, I am really starting to wonder what the Barnett Government's priorities are.

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