



## Make votes count

THE recent announcement by the Barnett Government to commit \$3.7 million to fund the proposed luxury housing, canals and hotel/marina development at Point Peron 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 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 the average ratepayer/taxpayer should be subsidising people who own big boats.

In addition to the \$3.7m, the proposed canal housing development will require the sale of public assets, a Bush Forever site and part of a regional park in order to fund the canal/marina development at Point Peron.

There is already a user pays marina under development at the northern end of Rockingham Beach out from the Wanliss Street carpark.

carpark.

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 and 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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