

We are heading the wrong way

I FEEL really despairing about the way our state and country is headed. Our elected representatives are just not listening. We may as well be living under a communist regime. Peter Gutwein has turned into a dictator, grabbing ratepayer-owned assets, Will Hodgman just wants to be liked by everyone, then our Prime Minister shakes his fist when a known terrorist kills while out on bail, and asks why? How many atrocities have to be committed before something is finally done? How many families have to have their hearts broken forever? Laws need to be changed. Why are foreign developers allowed to ruin our beautiful landscape when they have only one objective, making more and more money? They don't give a damn about our communities and the effect they have. Here in my own backyard, beautiful Belle-rive, we are having an ugly, inappropriate multi-storey building foisted upon us, despite so many objections from locals. Kangaroo Bay has so much potential, a building of this type is just so out of place. All our objections are falling on deaf ears, be it local, state or federal government. I really do despair at the legacy I am leaving my grandchildren. At least I, like hundreds of others, still have the freedom to voice our concerns through the *Mercury*, and for that I am thankful.

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