

notice of the mental health system. However, what a difference.

There, the crisis assessment team is proactive. It is a unit of emergency mental health people who go to a house to assess whether the person needs to go to hospital or can be treated at home.

Our daughter has been diagnosed and admitted to hospital on several occasions.

The crisis team advise me on what is happening, listen to my concerns as it helps with treatment, and they check on her when she eventually goes home.

The person who gave her the bad advice in WA should be sacked. But in the end the outcome couldn't have been better.

It's meant many trips to Melbourne, but my daughter has had the treatment she would never have received in WA.

Name and address supplied

## Chief vet ratified live export review

I write to correct misleading claims by exporter Livestock Shipping Services (*WestBusiness*, 25/7).

The McCarthy review was not "one person's review". It was ticked off by Australia's chief veterinarian, Dr Mark Schipp, after being examined by a panel of peers.

It's rubbish to say LSS withdrew from the live sheep trade this year.

It didn't take sheep to the Middle East last year either, long before the Awassi voyage footage was shown on 60 Minutes and the McCarthy review followed.

Blaming government is spin by the company. To suggest the Federal Government is being dictated to by groups who want the trade banned is laughable — the trade is open.

One reason boats are not leaving now is that a major exporter has been suspended by the independent regulator.

This is a serious matter and the process must be allowed to take its course.

The live export trade is open

editorialise on issues.

However the ABC has no such right as its charter forbids it from doing so. In addition many, including myself, resent taxes being used in this manner.

If Dr Peters cannot understand the difference between interrogating and editorialising, then she might consider the issue of catastrophic anthropogenic global warming.

How often does the ABC give free rein to a sceptic on this particular issue? The answer is, never. Yet alarmists are given unfettered access to spruik their beliefs.

That is called editorialising, and it is not interrogating.  
**Greg Williams, Bicton**

### Fremantle investments

The *West Australian* recently reported that claims the State Government has spent nothing in Fremantle since the

ensure that development does not ruin the lives of those close to mine development.

Mine expansion at Greenbushes will put trucks carrying 1.95 million tonnes per annum of spodumene concentrate on to South Western Highway. This might involve 267 truck movements a day, or one every two minutes on a 10-hour schedule.

Such heavy traffic, with existing logging and horticulture transport, will destroy towns like Balingup, Kirup, Donnybrook and Boyanup.

Lithium concentrate sells for more than \$1200 a tonne. With \$45 million worth of product per week moving along roads to processing plants and ports, there is surely enough money available to recondition the existing rail network, keeping South West towns and roads safe for inhabitants.

**Peter Strachan, Southampton**



Prisoners used tools to escape.

to those who do the right thing — and will remain so.

**David Littleproud, Canberra**  
(Our correspondent is Federal Minister for Agriculture and Water Resources).

### Pro an inheritance tax

A tax on inherited wealth stirs emotional responses such as those expressed by your correspondents. (*Letters*, 25/7).

It is not relevant to argue that tax has already been paid on inherited wealth, and therefore it should not be taxed. That's a bit like arguing an employee should not pay tax because his

employer has already paid tax, after deductions, on the money.

Inequality in Australia is rapidly increasing and some level of inheritance tax is one mechanism which could moderate this trend.

Did our culture once place greater value on equality when we used to have a tax of this nature?

A huge disparity in wealth inherited down the generations is one of the features of cultures with problems. Think ancient Rome and France.

It's a debate worth having now that the average wealth of the top 20 per cent is 70 times that of the bottom 20 per cent.

**Graham Hawkes, Woodbridge**

### Greenough escape tools

As part of their escape Greenough prisoners used cordless angle grinders from the prison workshop. Which particular genius approved the use of battery-operated tools, offering both portability and being capable of cutting through metal?

**Gary Clyne, Inglewood**

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