

Things that frustrated me about local, state and federal government are as follows:

- There are far too many people working in government sectors that are completely redundant or do not pull their weight. Worse are the people that have complete job security and take advantage because they know they can't get fired. They are abusing the system and should be reprimanded.
- Politicians and government workers who get obscene benefits that are funded by the taxpayers. Astronomical pension plans included.
- Any time I see an ad on TV or hear one on the radio that says "government funded" I want to vomit. Nothing the government does is funded by the government, it's taxpayer funded, and we don't even get a say in what our taxes get used for. Technically, taxpayers are the stakeholders of this country, and yet we have almost no say in what happens with our taxes. I am more than willing to pay taxes for animal shelters, hospitals, education, erecting playgrounds; what I have a problem with is paying for politicians to fly around the globe for a conference they could do on a computer, have chauffeurs around the clock and exorbitant retirement packages.
- Colin Barnett deciding to build an African Safari Park in Chittering, WA. What purpose does this serve to the citizens of WA. If he claims it will increase tourism, he's delusional.
- People on the dole who do not deserve it. Alcoholics, smokers, drug users, people who do not even try to get work, people who only have children to get handouts. We should not be encouraging a society to ask for handouts.
- Housing of criminals, I was reading an article that stated that at the new female prison in Perth, it would cost \$230 a night to house one inmate. That is obscene, there are hotel rooms in Perth that are cheaper. Also, free dental for inmates? How about free dental for law abiding citizens who pay income tax. You are providing a lifestyle in which encourages people to break the law. There are senior citizens with less care than inmates which is a disgrace. People who have worked their whole life to provide for this country, and now that they are retired they get shoved under the rug.
- Companies who avoid paying taxes because they ship their profits overseas and neglect to declare it. It's an abomination and should be stopped immediately. Citizens could have substantially decreased taxes if multimillion dollar corporations were forced to pay their taxes.
- Environmental conservation, we should look to countries like Norway and Sweden, they have impeccable environmental sustainability plans that we should incorporate into our system. As a nation, we contribute very little to global warming on a global scale, but that should not deter us from taking action to preserve our native wildlife, our oceans and our natural resources. But why don't we utilise the technologies of our time and implement more sustainable systems of generating electricity and clean water. We shouldn't force communities to rely on Western Power (as an example) and discourage them from getting water tanks or solar panels. It is counterproductive if our government states they want to save the environment.
- Finally, the tax bracket, it is genuinely madness. Again, encouraging people to not strive for increased wages because they will end up paying more in taxes, thus taking home the same pay check regardless. Why are we punishing people for working hard?

There are so many aspects I love about this country, but so many things that are just completely backward. I urge you, the government, local, state and federal, to address these issues. I have not even mentioned the fact that our millennial generation will be worse off economically than our parents. How do we encourage people to buy homes when they can't even afford to pay their bills because of the cost of living in this country? We are always encouraged to buy local products, local produce, but how can we justify this when we can get the same products online for 75% cheaper than at the store. The cost of living has increased every year steadily, but the average wage has not, I am excluding government workers and politicians because you all already get paid at least 25% high than a private sector worker.

Again, I urge you, implore you to take action against these injustices. As a citizen of this sunburnt land, we rely on you to do the right thing, by the people, not to line your own pockets.