

# 'Compo denial is spot on'

The overwhelming majority of people, in my opinion, would agree with Attorney General Jim McGinty's decision to reject the compensation application by the Walsham three or four.

These payments are called ex-gratia, or act of grace payments. They are not an automatic entitlement.

The fact that the assailants are stating they will fight for this payment is not surprising.

The men who kicked Mr Walsham in the head have already received an act of grace, or a stroke of luck, in that they were given only a \$1500 fine for the unprovoked head kick on a complete stranger. In other countries, they would have received jail time for that.

Most people in Western Australia, in my opinion, think the head kickers should have received jail time.

I argued for denial of this payment in July 2007 in a letter to the POST.

The Attorney General has used the same rationale to deny compensation many months later. Perhaps this means that Mr McGinty is an avid reader of the POST.