

Think with your brains, not with your bottom

1 While the coronavirus outbreak is a very serious issue, a butcher from Wauchope has put into context the madness that has seen toilet paper being wiped off supermarket shelves. The butchers on the mid-north coast posted this: "We've decided to put brains on special this week. Feel free to purchase them for family, friends and people in general who are buying toilet paper by the truck load because of the coronavirus. It's a respiratory disease you f...wits." Butchers are among the smartest people I know.

2 The NRL campaign celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Tina Turner Simply The Best Campaign has produced plenty of opinions. For my part, given I was there back in 1990, sequels rarely live up to the original and this is a case in point. NRL Boss Todd Greenberg seems to have misunderstood the criticism in defunding the campaign by suggesting those complaining don't understand

she might ask the trust about accusations that an eastern suburbs real estate agent approached the owners of the land despite it not being for sale, and whether the minutes of a trust meeting show that the land was being purchased for a cemetery and not as an investment, as the trust is now claiming.

4 I'm sometimes astonished at the decisions of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. The most recent case involves a bloke who's served a number of stints in jail who's here on a visa from the Middle East. He has a wife and two children back in his country of origin and was to be deported on the orders of the Immigration Minister but the tribunal has ruled he can stay here.

Sometimes I think the Liberal Party in NSW forget they are part of a coalition government. The nonsense this week that Don Harwin and others are looking at an alterna-

tive National Party leader to replace John Barilaro is mind-numbing. Who leads the Nationals is a matter for the Nationals, not the green-inspired latte-sipping set from the left of the Liberal Party.

6 The decision by former Premier Mike Baird to move the Powerhouse Museum out to Parramatta is fraught with danger. Firstly, while the government is rightly crying poor given the recent battles with fire and flood it's hard to justify the \$1.5 billion spend. Then you have the problem of historic buildings being knocked over to accommodate a building housing historic items (I struggle to understand that concept) and the fact the museum would be adjacent to the upper reaches of the Parramatta River which means, as we've seen recently, flooding becomes a problem. Knock it on the head, Premier.

7 A reminder: From last Sunday the government switched on the

cameras to detect illegal phone use in vehicles. It's a costly exercise if you decide to run the risk. There's a \$348 fine and five demerit points — which then goes up to 10 during double demerit periods.

8 There has been some wonderful rainfall across drought-ravaged parts of NSW over the past couple of days. Who was it who said it was never going to rain again?

9 Mack Horton has been absolutely vindicated for his stand against cheating Chinese swimmer Sun Yang after his eight-year disqualification. Those who sat in judgment of the Chinese Olympian said he showed no remorse for his cheating.

10 This is your last weekend until October that won't be dominated by rugby league — and it will be the first winter since 1987 I won't spend my time either watching or broadcasting a game that I owe a great debt of gratitude.



it would be impossible to feature Tina Turner in the commercial because she's now 80 and in ill-health. Todd, it's not about Ms Turner, it's about the content. I'm sure the reworked 30-second high rotation version will appease many. Meantime, Todd has other problems, with the majority of the 16 NRL clubs not happy with him over a range of issues.

3 The NSW government is investigating claims the John Hewson-chaired Northern Metropolitan Cemetery Land Management Trust spent \$5.2 million to purchase two parcels of land on the outskirts of Sydney without proper authorisation. While Minister Pavey is looking at it