

## Heritage study considered

I welcome Robert Moffatt's heritage-related questions (Your View, April 19). Rockdale Council did not dismiss the heritage study as Mr Moffatt claims. The study was considered in detail and focused on specific periods of development and was used as the basis for identifying heritage items in our local environmental plan.

The qualified consultant architect who specialised in heritage conservation was directly involved in the review of the heritage study that ultimately led to the listing of 250 items.

As this important document was finalised, the council did not see the purpose of continuing to retain the consultant whose employment is based on the council's specific needs.

So, to the question of heritage impeding progress, the Productivity Commission found that many councils and neighbours actively use heritage as a pretext to prevent progress.

Heritage matters have stalled progress in Rockdale and I can provide a list of examples. Finally, the meeting at which Mr Moffatt suggests I was instrumental in cancelling the heritage grants was held on September 21, 2005 (item number CW09). I was not present.

**Cr Gary Green  
Brighton-Le-Sands**

## A big election thank you

One of the by-products of the state election held last month was the many fetes at schools.

I would like to send a huge thank you to the 5500 people who voted at Peakhurst South Public School.

The school's P&C and staff worked tirelessly in the lead-up to the election and we would like to thank the community for their support on the day.

**Alice Lehane  
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