

# No news good news to councillors

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COUNCILLOR Liz Barlow's motion to reintroduce a media reports service on the council website was rejected at a Rockdale Council meeting last month.

The inclusion of links to articles published about the council was axed in March in a cost-cutting move.

"It was a useful service and I received no feed-back from the general manager as to why it was cut," Cr Barlow said.

Cr Gary Green said if Cr Barlow wanted tools to improve her role as councillor she should attend professional development workshops.

"Cr Barlow should do what Janette Howard does and cut and paste her

own clippings into a scrapbook," Cr Green said.

Cr Green asked to put forward a motion but was told to sit down by Rockdale Mayor John Flowers who bumped the issue back to general manager Chris Watson for consideration.

Cr Angela Koutoulas said the real issue was that the links could infringe

copyright laws. However, Australian Copyright Council senior legal officer Helen Dakin said it was generally accepted that linking to websites did not infringe copyright although there were some highly technical arguments that making systematic links to particular websites could require permission of the copyright owner.