

# Footing heritage bill

I love genuine heritage and believe buildings like Tempe House should be preserved.



Regrettably a vocal minority of selfish/shortsighted heritage fanatics unfairly believe Rockdale's rate-payers should foot the bill for their heritage homesickness.

Complaints about forced heritage-listings within Rockdale are now non-existent and the council's policies are directly responsible for that.

Furthermore, the blurb from the National Trust of Australia (NSW) is misleading, as the NSW Valuer General's Department has found that heritage listings do reduce property prices.

Rockdale's reforms will help preserve significant heritage items, allow for quality development and to paraphrase the Productivity Commissioner: assist people in the community who are hurting at the hands of inefficient, ineffective and unfair heritage laws.

Finally, the disgraceful Saywell firetraps don't comply with the Building Code of Australia safety standards.

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