

Well, to clarify my position. . .

During the past two years, some misinformed readers have voiced concerns about my intentions.

I write to clarify my position on some items of importance to our community.

Regarding pines, I love trees but dislike extreme Greens party ideology which sometimes seeks to preserve sick, unsightly and dangerous trees.

Trees, like all things, have a lifespan and, when their time is up, they should be replaced to enhance our natural environment.

I've only ever wanted a long-term replacement plan for our Cook Park pines and to replace just six sick ones.

Regarding council courses, I agree councillors should present reports to council on them.

It only makes sense that we brief the rest of the council and community to educate and facilitate a sharing of knowledge.

Regarding heritage, I believe in preserving

significant items. We need to take care that we're not listing properties solely to stop progress and we need to ensure items are tested.

If found to be genuine heritage and of value to our community, then heritage funding for their preservation should be provided.

Finally, I've done my darndest to lift building standards in Rockdale as exemplified by the Residential Amenities Improvement Scheme and I'm proud of Rockdale Destinations.

My input on Destinations is the culmination of all my courses and travel, most of which have been 100 per cent self-funded.

Visit www.GaryGreen.org for the facts on my council record.

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