

# Heritage owners unite!

I see Mr Quint, an operative of the NSW National Trust, is accusing Rockdale councillor Gary Green of being “confused” about the status of National Trust classifying public and private property as heritage (Your View, April 8).

This same “confusion” was so rampant in Tasmania that last year the Tasmanian government was forced to enact legislation specifically to stop the Trust from classifying heritage items.

The same Mr Quint has also just been in a public stoush with Orange’s Mayor Davis – again over a property the National Trust had “classified” twice as heritage but which had no legal heritage status.

Poor Mayor Davis was upbraided by Mr Quint as well after he indicated he had been confused by the manner in which the NSW National Trust had

presented itself and its heritage classifications.

It is our view that the NSW National Trust deliberately fosters such confusion about the status of its heritage classification, heritage register and heritage list.

After decades suffering at the hands of heritage fanatics, heritage owners in NSW have had enough.

The Society of Heritage Owners NSW has recently been established by owners of heritage listed properties in NSW to support wholesale reform of the heritage laws, policies and practices.

Owners of heritage listed properties applaud people like Cr Green and others who have worked for years to improve the situation of heritage owners.

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