

# Council plans need builders' feedback

AMENDED draft local environment and development control plans relating to exempt and complying developments were deferred to an information session at Rockdale Council's July 5 meeting to seek community feedback.

The amended plans, which were required following a review of the council's exempt and complying development provisions, were on public exhibition from May 11 until June 9, but no sub-

missions were received. Exempt development is small-scale development with minimal environmental impact that can be done without development consent if it meets certain criteria and "pre-established" definitions and standards.

Complying development is local development that is generally so routine that only a complying development certificate is required.

Cr Gary Green called for architects, draftsmen and

builders who had lodged multiple applications with the council in the past year be invited to comment on the plans and that feedback be provided at the information session.

"Not one person responded [and I] have a view we're making a decision without any feedback or comment," Cr Green said. Cr Barlow objected to the amendment, saying she was disappointed that the plan was being deferred at this late stage.