

# Council reviews approval process

A REVIEW of development applications approved under delegated authority will be conducted but the results will not be reported to Rockdale Council.

Councillor Liz Barlow's call for the review was approved eight votes to five and the matter was to be dealt with at the "next available information session".

But her request that a report be presented to council was rejected and three of four information sessions in the past month have been cancelled.

"I have concerns with policy and procedures concerning development applications that have attracted residents' objections and are approved under delegated authority," Cr Barlow said.

"If councillors don't receive objections directly they can fall through the cracks."

Cr John Ajaka said that while his concerns differed from those of Cr Barlow "the whole concept and process should be reviewed".

Cr Gary Green said it was "unreasonable" and "absurd" to forbid the approval of complying developments under delegated authority because of minority objectors.

"There are people who will object to the sun coming up. We can't stop progress because of 'not in my backyard' objectors," he said.