

Skills upgrade good idea

Cr Flowers is 100 per cent right in rebuking Cr De Leau's absurd and extreme suggestion that Rockdale councillors making multimillion dollar decisions on behalf of our community should not upgrade their skills as councillors ("Rockdale's leaders gain leave to travel", *Leader*, March 1).

We need educated councillors making educated decisions when managing ratepayers' money.

Cr Green (pictured) is also right to say community heritage assets should be paid for by the community.

The Productivity Commission's report into heritage found that "most existing arrangements of councils towards privately owned properties are often inefficient, ineffective and unfair".

It also found that council systems are not well structured enough to ensure heritage listings only occur when there's a community benefit.

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