




































DADA assessment of Darebin Council 2016 – 2020




The power block of Greens councilors and independents, formally Greens, are predominantly responsible for the following:




Tree Protection	Introduced a tree protection policy for large trees on private property	😊😊😊
	Failed to enforce adequate tree protection zones on street trees and on development sites	😞😞😞
Planning and Development	Employed an architect to advise on quality development but only for high density multi- storey development. Missing oversight on medium density	😊
	Introduced the 'Call in' procedure which in effect reduced community participation in the objection process and saw more decisions delegated to officers without Councilor oversight	😞😞😞
	Evaluated the 'call in' process and amended it giving even less community participation, transparency or Councilor oversight	😞😞😞
	'Greenwashing': Favored approval of developments applications with green and sustainable features but failed to oversee the actual delivery	😞😞😞
	Failed to introduce a Developer Contribution Plan, there by loosing multimillions	😞😞😞
	Failed to act to increase the Darebin percentage of Neighbourhood Residential Zones (NRZ) from 11%. One of the lowest in Victoria	😞😞😞
	Failed to secure a fairer share of Neighbourhood Residential Zone in Darebin resulting in overdevelopment	😞😞😞
	Failed to act to increase the percentage of three bedroom dwellings in Darebin to meet projected housing need	😞😞😞
	Councilor oversight of planning permits reduced to nearly 50% as compared to the last council	😞😞😞
Councilors started to use a potential VCAT decision to override refusal as a reason to approve planning applications	😞😞😞	
Preston Market	A majority of the Councilors made election promises to save Preston Market. On most decisions they block voted against the highest protection and the fate of the market still hangs in the balance	😞😞😞
	Most Councilors failed to adequately represent community voice to the Minister for Planning, instead voting to capitulate.	😞😞😞
	Council voted against support the community-led application to heritage list Preston Market	😞😞😞
	Promised funding to celebrate the 50 th anniversary of Preston Market but did not deliver in any public forum	😞😞😞
Consultation	Very poor consultation with key community interest groups on parking, objection process, open space strategy	😞😞😞
	Evidence of caucusing with key support groups only	😞😞😞




Transparency	Removed calls for division which gave some transparency in voting patterns in the chamber	  
	Very poor consultation on divisive matters, only listing key policy for feedback for short periods	  
	Refused to release reports paid for by the community and relating to council division making	  




Open Space	The open space strategy requested just over half the levy needed to redress the lack of open space in Darebin	 
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Governance and Conduct	Nearly four years to implement the recording of voting patterns in the chamber just in time for reelection	  
	Consistently made promises that were never kept	  
	On more than one occasion used the protection of the chamber to dismiss community representatives and concern	  
	Whittled down time for community submissions in general council and planning committee meetings to token level	  
	Lied to DADA about the finalization and release of reports	  
	Bullied and pressured community representatives to not participate in freedom of speech if it was contrary to the council position	  
	Made misleading and confusing statements in the chamber, on social media and in mainstream media	  
	Shared private and confidential emails from DADA with the Local Government Inspectorate	  

Northcote Pool	Voted to spend a major part of the budget on this single upgrade in Rucker Ward	  
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Parking	Back tracked on the introduction of parking strategy without adequate community consultation	  
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Freedom of Speech	Councilors, on a number of occasions, attempted to block community comment especially on Preston Market	  
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Council Division	Despite promises to not block vote council mostly did along party lines with two key independents trading votes for mayoral and vice mayor positions	  
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