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**Subject:** EOI by Rick Slaven to join Lithgow City Council Committees

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**From:** Rick Slaven [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, March 13, 2024 11:51 AM  
**To:** Matthew Johnson <Matthew.Johnson@lithgow.nsw.gov.au>  
**Subject:** Re: Representation of First Nations people on Lithgow City Council Committees

Hi again Matthew

Im Rick Slaven a proud Wiradjuri man who has connection with the Lithgow valley for 7 generations . I have strong environmental concerns and values . I have a gift of feeling the health of country.

Everyone has different ideas on how the environment should be managed and healed .

My major concern is the ones that make money from decisions.

I'm talking about replacing shade trees with plastic shelter if any at all .

This is because we have all these apparent experts saying that tree is dangerous we need to wood chip it so the operator makes a few thousand dollars brings sickness on country stresses the totems most likely contributing to the death of that totem eventually. This is all against cultural lore on management of the environment.

Nobody is controlling contractors destruction or punishment of them for what they are doing .

Farmers creek is no longer healthy I don't know who allowed the creek to be turned into a 5ft grass wall stopping the migration of native turtle and silting up the waterholes.

I'm very knowledgeable on cultural burning but I question everything I see as there is so many know it alls but know nothing but making good money .

I want to work with the town as a group to stop and question everything that is contributing to environment issues .

I constantly go out around the area cleaning up rubbish take it to the dump pay any fees required to get them out of the environment.

On a personal view I have a wife a daughter and her partner and two beautiful grandchildren all living in Lithgow . I have worked at Thales for 34 years and I am also a Aboriginal artist who has strong connection to the people to help everyone.

I plant trees I help wildlife I try to do everything I can to show people the wrongs they are committing on the earth . I have a passion for the Hassan's walls reserve and the importance of that area as a healing place .

I was previously a director of the Native title claimant's Warrabinga who has a claim over the local area but I found nobody wants to act on environment issues but I do .

Thank you for considering me application.

On Mon., 11 Mar. 2024, 8:47 am Matthew Johnson, <[Matthew.Johnson@lithgow.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Johnson@lithgow.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:

Thanks Rick

Can i ask that you send me a few more words on why you are interested in joining the Environment Committee? All EOI's will be reported to Council so it would be good to say a bit more about yourself

Matt

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**From:** Rick Slaven <[rickyslaven69@gmail.com](mailto:rickyslaven69@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Monday, March 11, 2024 8:38 AM

**To:** Matthew Johnson <[Matthew.Johnson@lithgow.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Johnson@lithgow.nsw.gov.au)>

**Subject:** Re: Representation of First Nations people on Lithgow City Council Committees

Hi Matthew

Thank you for your email and the opportunity to get involved in community committees .

I wish to put forward my interest in being involved in your

Council Environment committee

The environment is my passion.

Thanks for considering me

Cheers Rick Slaven

Wiradjuri custodian

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On Mon., 26 Feb. 2024, 4:13 pm Matthew Johnson, <[Matthew.Johnson@lithgow.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Matthew.Johnson@lithgow.nsw.gov.au)> wrote:

hi Judith and Ric

Last year Council resolved to try to seek Representation of First Nations people on Lithgow City Council Committees

We have a range of Committees, but i would think Community Development, Environmental Advisory, Women's Advisory and maybe Crime Prevention would be the most relevant.

i know you are always super busy, but if you can find the time, could you pls send in an Expression of Interest for any of the above Committees.

i will also email some other people about the same matter

Matt

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