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## Please drive home the argument with the Lord Mayor

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Hi Nicole,

....as one last illuminating thought, it seems to me that [The Guardian](#) report on the recent comment by Sussan Ley about, "climate mitigation [being] beyond her portfolio", goes to what I am saying.

There is something wrong in the thinking, to say it is **not the responsibility of the local government** to see to the **flourishing of local studies**. I say 'local studies' because it is larger than what too many presume what is local history, and ignorant what it is in its fullest existing scope.

For example, at one finds in the 'City of Melbourne', what exists as local studies, across the many councils, far dwarfs what has been produced in Brisbane with its many wards. Here is also our local example, the Lord Mayor rejected out of hand some years ago a potential model: *The Encyclopedia of Melbourne* (hardcover publication) and [eMelbourne](#). Scholars were paid for that work, but Brisbane is too busy paying public relations officers, in the same kind of policy thinking of the Scott Morrison Government. Eventually, spin will be the undoing of any elected representative.

I do not understand how elected representatives can keep playing the game. The best humanities scholars or social scientists are **not being contracted or their advice is ignored**. For decades, university education has been multidisciplinary, across boundaries, the argument that lack of action is justified on the basis of "beyond her portfolio" is just foolish nonsense.

However, I **do wish all Councillors the best in their deliberation** if it ever gets to a debate in the chamber.

Kind regards,

Neville.

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