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# Green light ahead

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NEW BOROONDARA Council chief executive Catherine Dale is keen on keeping things green throughout the municipality's leafy suburbs.

In an exclusive interview with *Progress Leader*, Ms Dale highlighted strategic planning and the environment as two of her main priorities.

She said although Boroondara was an urban area, it still had significant environmental issues to consider.

Ms Dale said there was a need to encourage and protect public open spaces and the biodiversity of Boroondara's waterways.

Ms Dale has been the chief executive of Bayside and Nilumbik councils and was Boroondara's planning director from 1995-99.

Ms Dale said she had a strong professional background in strategic planning.

"Urban amenity, I think, is perhaps one of the key issues we have to look at carefully with the councillors," she said.

Boroondara was an articulate, caring and passionate community and she looked forward to working with the area's many



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community groups in the future.

"There is an awful lot of good will in Boroondara."

Ms Dale said she would spend most of her first six months getting to know the councillors, staff and the community.

Outgoing chief executive Peter Johnstone will take up a pos-

ition with the State Government. He has been appointed chairman of the Victorian Competition and Efficiency Commission's Liveability inquiry.

Mr Johnstone said the inquiry would report to State Parliament in October.

He said he would continue his

work with the Jesuit Social Services and had started his own consultancy firm.

Mr Johnstone said highlights of his nine years as chief executive included overseeing the council's investment in infrastructure and establishing the Foundation Boroondara charity.