

Sandy Bolton MP Member for Noosa

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## ANNUAL SURVEY RESPONSES 2019/20

The Noosa Electorate encompasses an area of 657km<sup>2</sup> from Noosa Heads in the north and stretches northwest to the southern border of Gympie, south to Peregian Springs and west to Eumundi, and is home to 35,622 people. It is an incredible place encompassing beach to bush, and all in between! How lucky are we?

Below is a summary of comments provided by respondents in our 2019 Noosa MP Survey. Never an easy task in the hundreds, however for easy reading they have been grouped under topic headings, and categorized as either State, Local or Federal Government (some have shared responsibilities). If there are any topics you feel may have been left out, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will address for you.

Many questions/comments received that are Local or Federal Government issues have been forwarded to the relevant level without giving your personal details, as we are not able to respond on their behalf. However should you wish a direct response, please contact [Noosa Council](#) or one of the [seven Noosa Councilors](#) for Local Government matters, for Federal Government, please contact your respective Member of Parliament either [Lew O'Brien](#) (Wide Bay) or [Ted O'Brien](#) (Fairfax).

Many of the issues below raised have been covered throughout the year on '[Noosa 360](#)' where you can search for updates via topic, or on the [MP Facebook](#) page and through our [monthly newsletter](#) updates. Please consider signing up to keep in the loop!

Thank you to all that took the time to complete this survey, it has been extremely valuable in identifying your greatest local concerns, as well your thoughts on issues across Queensland.

Annual Survey Responses 2019/20

Comments	Gov Level	MP Office Response
1080 BAITING	STATE	<p>The protection of native animals including dingos is taken very seriously particularly in areas such as Fraser Island, however there are times when population control of wild dogs has been undertaken to either protect people, livestock or pets. There has been a number of reviews into methods as there are concerns around the use of baits, and this is still being investigated. Minister Enoch's office has provided the following update on the review of their operational policies and procedures for the use of 1080. The QPWS policy for the use of 1080 is scheduled for completion this financial year as part of our annual business plan.</p> <p>- QPWS will undertake a comprehensive review of its 1080 operational policy and procedures in September 2020, so that they align with the commencement of the Medicines and Poisons Act 2019. This is an important delay for our 1080 policy revision and any prior updates will be minor as a result.</p> <p>- QPWS pest management policies and procedures will be addressed at the 2020 QPWS Annual Pest Forum in March 2020 (this week in fact). This gathering will explore and capture the practitioner's perspective of 1080 use and potential impacts to non-targets, including that of your constituents and other examples, value adding to the September 2020 updates.</p>
ADANI / FOREIGN OWNERSHIP	STATE / FEDERAL	<p>Refer to 360 updates regarding Adani approvals, State Government renewables targets, and current announcements including the Tesla load battery. Challenges to move from coal include baseload capacity, with other countries i.e. Germany, utilising nuclear to provide baseload to their renewables. With Australia currently in opposition to following similar paths, there will be a transition period that will also be reliant on gas, which brings the conversation to fracking?</p> <p>Having spoken to Dick Smith, who for many years has worked in the space of "Buy Australian", the issue is people, and their support for this mechanism to keep Australian, Australian! The 'power of the purse' is key, and when Australian produce/products are not supported, the question is should the owners of these business not be allowed to sell to offshore companies? A big conversation, which ultimately comes down to the choice of all Queenslanders, and Australians.</p>

AFFORDABLE HOUSING / HOMELESSNESS / NRAS	STATE	<p>Affordable housing means different things to different people, what is affordable to one is not affordable to another. Efforts have been underway over the last two years to identify under-utilised government owned land for mixed model housing options. There are no arbitrary annual rental increases managed at State Government level, as these are market driven. NRAS is a Federal Government scheme which ends on 1st April 2020, although they are reportedly making new regulations to replace NRAS before this date <a href="https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/housing-support/programmes-services/national-rental-affordability-scheme">https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/housing-support/programmes-services/national-rental-affordability-scheme</a>.</p> <p>See extensive Noosa 360 updates and review including the Affordable Housing topic, speeches and current works with community housing providers. Having given a number of talks on this issue, it is a complex mix, hence why we have collated on '360'. However, we are getting closer to addressing components that will see better outcomes, and there are a number of schemes including the Better Together housing pilot that are underway. Noosa 360 crisis accommodation <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=crisis">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=crisis</a>. Noosa 360 TAFE <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=tafe">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=tafe</a>.</p> <p>The Short Term lets issue regarding the Planning Scheme is determined at a local Government level, however efforts over the last 18 months to introduce a Code of Conduct and Register to improve the amenity issues being experienced are within State domain and the draft is about to be released.</p>
AGED CARE	STATE	<p>There are many models internationally where siloing through ability or age is being addressed. Even though aged and disability care is within the Federal domain, we are working at a State level with Minister O'Rourke, on advocating for change in this space, as well filling the gaps that exist within the NDIS, and announced these early in the year at the Disability Connect and Outreach Program for our region. Regarding more aged care facilities, currently under construction is 3 - Arcare in Goodchap St, Sundale in McKinnon Drive, and Bluecare at Sunrise Beach.</p>
AIR CONDITIONING IN SCHOOLS	STATE	<p>Noosa electorate state schools are included in the \$477 million funding to install air conditioning over the next 4 years. An additional \$71 million over three years has been dedicated to expand the existing rooftop solar program Advancing Clean Energy Schools in order to power these air conditioners. For more information please head to: <a href="https://qed.qld.gov.au/.../major-projects-an.../air-conditioning">https://qed.qld.gov.au/.../major-projects-an.../air-conditioning</a></p>
AMBULANCE RAMPING	STATE	<p>Ambulance ramping occurs when there are not enough beds for patients in Emergency Departments at public hospitals. The 2012 report below outlines the mitigating factors and provides recommendations to address the shortfall. <a href="https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/TableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T680.pdf">https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/TableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T680.pdf</a>. The Hospital Resources report 2017-18 below outlines the current available beds in public hospitals. <a href="https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/hospitals/hospital-resources-2017-18-ahs/contents/hospitals-and-average-available-beds">https://www.aihw.gov.au/reports/hospitals/hospital-resources-2017-18-ahs/contents/hospitals-and-average-available-beds</a></p>

ANIMAL WELFARE	STATE	<p>Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Anthony Lynham has recently introduced sweeping reforms to protect animals from cruelty. <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/humane-treatment-of-ex-racehorses/">https://www.sandybolton.com/humane-treatment-of-ex-racehorses/</a></p> <p>We have been advised by the Minister's office, the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001 (Act) provides the highest levels of care and protection measures for animals in the nation. The Act places a legal duty of care on all those who own or are in charge of animals and provides for significant penalties to persons who breach this duty of care or are found to be cruel to animals.</p> <p>Persons found guilty of an offence under the duty of care or cruelty provisions can be prosecuted. A breach of the duty of care carries a maximum penalty of \$40,035 or 12 months imprisonment and a breach of cruelty carries a maximum penalty of \$266,900 or three years imprisonment. In addition, Queensland's Criminal Code Act 1899 also contains an offence of serious animal cruelty, which carries a maximum penalty of seven years imprisonment. This offence targets offenders who unlawfully kill, seriously injure or cause an animal prolonged suffering and do so intending to inflict severe pain and suffering on that animal.</p> <p>RSPCA, Biosecurity Australia and various acts under our three levels of Government exist to protect both pets and wildlife. Agriculture and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 was passed in Parliament on 13/2/20 and contains new regulations and fines. Explanatory Notes: <a href="https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/tableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T1324.pdf">https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/tableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T1324.pdf</a></p>
ANIMAL WELFARE - PUPPY FACTORY FARMING	STATE / FEDERAL	<p>Primarily a Federal Government matter, however State Government works with advocacy groups, for example RSPCA, on this and a number of other arenas of animal welfare including calf roping at rodeos. Puppy breeders must be licensed, and we are no longer seeing the numbers of previous years, however we will look at whether the licensed breeders are being regulated and update on Noosa 360.</p>
ARSONISTS	STATE	<p>Currently there are reviews and Royal Commissions into fire mitigation, response and management, included will be the issues surrounding punishment, education and communications.</p>
ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT / LACK OF SUPPORT	STATE	<p>There has not been any advocacy to our office regarding this issue, and we have a very vibrant arts community with grants being awarded in multiple realms. If some more specifics can be provided by emailing us <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a> .Information on programs to develop and support the Arts throughout QLD can be found at <a href="https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/">https://www.arts.qld.gov.au/</a></p>
BECKMANS ROAD / SIX MILE CREEK #7	STATE	<p>Preconstruction works are confirmed to commence by mid-2020 on the Cooroy-Noosa/Beckman's Rd intersection (Stage 1 of the Tewantin Bypass), and Six Mile Bridge #7. The total cost to deliver both projects is expected to be around \$30 million. I look forward to further funding news during Budget 2020/21 to get that 'shovel' into the ground on the roundabout, as it has been a long journey!</p>

BIKE PATHS	STATE / LOCAL	<p>There have been requests for a number of bike pathways, including from Peregian Springs to Peregian Village, Cooran to Pomona. There have been some difficulties with these including having to transverse private land or cut through National Park. See Noosa 360 for more as well Open Noosa have been compiling ideas and connectivity. Noosa Council are doing a Bike and Pathway Masterplan, and State have a Bike and Pathway SEQ Plan at <a href="https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Principal-Cycle-Network-Plans">https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Principal-Cycle-Network-Plans</a>.</p> <p>Once Council has completed its Masterplan, we can then advocate for amendments to the SEQ Plan as required. On many roads it could be difficult to incorporate larger verges, as that would require land resumptions, at times at sites where this would not be possible (i.e. cutting into footpaths/carparks). However, linking corridors through existing parks is being mapped, which would give both access to bikes and pedestrians safely, leading to less reliance on cars!</p>
BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION	STATE / LOCAL	<p>Biodiversity protections exist on properties via Noosa Council planning laws. You can email them for more information on <a href="mailto:mail@noosa.qld.gov.au">mail@noosa.qld.gov.au</a>. Should you have concerns at a State level regarding this, please email <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a> with more specific information as the protections are extensive, including through Bills presented through Parliament i.e. Vegetation Clearing, Protecting Endangered Species and an updated Biodiversity Strategy. Please head to my Speeches for more information: <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/parliament/speeches/">https://www.sandybolton.com/parliament/speeches/</a></p>
BURGESS CREEK	STATE	<p>One that we have pushed to get resolved, we now have relevant State Government Departments and agencies including Unitywater currently working with Noosa Council on this, with the first works in the upper catchment completed, and an information day for the outlet section. There is also a proposed project as part of encouraging schoolgirls and women to enter the water resource industries, and a number of community organisations dedicated to catchment and waterways management, running projects on sediment, runoff and water quality/monitoring.</p>

BUSHFIRE MITIGATION	STATE	<p>Noosa's Local Disaster Management Group contains not only the Noosa Mayor and Council staff members but also members from all emergency services, support groups and myself. This is a very coordinated approach, and during a disaster feedback and suggestions are obtained, then collated and sent to Departments and various authorities after the event, which after our recent fires I met with our Regional heads of departments. Land management has been included working with our traditional custodians, and I have met with Kabi Kabi representatives to get a local Indigenous Ranger Programs commenced, as well utilising community-based offenders to maintain firebreaks etc. Outcomes from current reviews will be posted to Noosa 360. More information available at: <a href="https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/community-safety/downloadlibrary/Documents/GetReadyGuide-E.pdf">https://www.qfes.qld.gov.au/community-safety/downloadlibrary/Documents/GetReadyGuide-E.pdf</a></p> <p>You can also contact your local Rural Fire Station for more advice or even possibly become a volunteer and learn more in the process <a href="https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au">https://www.ruralfire.qld.gov.au</a>  <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/conservation/community/land-sea-rangers/about-rangers">https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/plants-animals/conservation/community/land-sea-rangers/about-rangers</a></p>
CCTV	STATE / FEDERAL / LOCAL	<p>There are a number of precincts set up with CCTV cameras, including in Hastings St and Tewantin. Generally, the responsibility of local businesses, business associations, or local council, with funding made available by State and Federal Gov. Of interest when these were put in Cooroy, there was great opposition to?</p>

CLIMATE CHANGE	STATE / FEDERAL	<p>As a member of the Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee, we have updated information and advances in the energy and environmental space, and Hansard records various speeches, questions put to Ministers and advocacy regarding this complex issue. As well, working with local organisations such as ZEN to lessen our impacts locally. State Government have made three key climate change targets as part of their Climate Transition Strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Powering Queensland with 50% renewable energy by 2030</li> <li>• Doing our fair share in the global effort to arrest damaging climate change by achieving zero net emissions by 2050</li> <li>• Demonstrating our commitment to reducing carbon pollution by setting an interim emissions reductions target of at least 30% below 2005 levels by 2030.</li> </ul> <p>More information can be found at <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/climate/climate-change/transition">https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/climate/climate-change/transition</a></p> <p>I have also addressed the Queensland Parliament at the beginning of our bushfire season not to utilise labels such as 'climate change/emergency' to become an excuse for inaction or more time-consuming reviews and commissions as immediate actions are needed. You can find a link to this speech at: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=828561934227720">https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=828561934227720</a></p> <p>Although much is driven at a national level by the Federal Government in relation to the changing climate, there is still work that State Governments and indeed local Councils can and must do. This includes the impacts to those already struggling should petrol driven cars been phased out as in the UK, options for renewables and the opposition to wind turbines current challenges around the disposal/repurposing of solar panels, and how to generate enough baseload for manufacturing given other countries utilise nuclear to do this.</p>
COMMERCIAL FISHING	STATE	<p>Currently this is being addressed through the QLD Sustainable Fishing Strategy, draft Noosa River Strategy, as well when our new dedicated MSQ officer comes on board to work with community and other stakeholders.</p>
COMMERCIAL WATER RIGHTS	STATE / LOCAL	<p>Please refer to response regarding river health, any specific concerns regarding commercial rights can be sent to <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a> so we can investigate.</p>

COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS FUNDING	STATE	<p>I have spoken in many <a href="#">speeches</a> regarding the importance of directed and increased grassroots funding, and requested reviews including the Blue Water Review (funding for those volunteers who keep our river users safe) which has been finalised, however there is a body of work to go on developing sustainable funding modelling that provides greater targeted outcomes, including for community legal and crisis accommodation services. There is also assistance to volunteer organisations through utilising community- based sentencing, the Indigenous Ranger Program, and as seen locally, visiting international students and corporations that have social policy that includes all staff committing annually to donating of funds or time. Many grants exist for not-for-profits and Noosa organisations have had successful grant applications over recent years. More information can be found at <a href="https://grants.services.qld.gov.au/#/">https://grants.services.qld.gov.au/#/</a></p>
COOROY INTERSECTION	STATE	<p>While this section of road is not in the Noosa electorate, Sandy is continuing to put pressure on the State government to address this long-standing issue. For updates please go to: <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=cooroy">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=cooroy</a></p>
CORRUPTION	STATE	<p>Many efforts underway in QLD with Belcarra Local Government Reforms passing through Parliament. <a href="https://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government-reform/stage-2-reforms.html">https://www.dlgrma.qld.gov.au/local-government-reform/stage-2-reforms.html</a></p> <p>For reporting of corruption please refer to <a href="https://www.ccc.qld.gov.au/">https://www.ccc.qld.gov.au/</a> or <a href="https://oia.qld.gov.au/office-of-the-independent-assessor.html">https://oia.qld.gov.au/office-of-the-independent-assessor.html</a>.</p> <p>There are a number of reports still to come, and these will be posted to 360 as they come through.</p>
CRIME AND SENTENCING	STATE	<p>This is such a broad spectrum with many Bills coming into Chamber that are making inroads, though not enough. Interestingly internationally and locally, when 'mock' juries are set up with 'jurors' having the same information as the jury, they actually give a lesser sentence than the 'real' jury? An example of this in work in QLD is at: <a href="https://www.sentencingcouncil.qld.gov.au/education-and-resources/judge-for-yourself">https://www.sentencingcouncil.qld.gov.au/education-and-resources/judge-for-yourself</a>.</p> <p>Reviews are currently being done regarding the age of responsibility. Recently I gave an adjournment speech regarding a need for a change to frameworks and legislation regarding repeat offenders, with greater powers to our frontliners. Currently I am researching a range of options including that of sentencing, recidivism, and what mechanisms are available to intercept potential perpetrators before a crime is committed.</p>



<p>CRISIS ACCOMMODATION / WOMEN OVER 60</p>		<p>There has been a greater identification of what is required for our over 60s, and initiatives have included the <a href="#">Better Together housing program</a>, more crisis housing, and we continue to work with Council and State for sites to provide affordable housing. There is also information and assistance at <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/housing/emergency-temporary-accommodation/emergency-accommodation">https://www.qld.gov.au/housing/emergency-temporary-accommodation/emergency-accommodation</a></p>
<p>DAYLIGHT SAVING</p>	<p>STATE</p>	<p>In the last survey, over 60% were in support of daylight saving in Noosa, with comments on both sides very passionate! Reasons for not adopting daylight savings included business and recreation. Maybe a good conversation we can have?</p>
<p>DECRIMINALISATION OF CANNABIS</p>	<p>STATE</p>	<p>In response to concerns surrounding the overcrowding of prisons, and the decriminalisation of recreational drugs, we researched, wrote to Ministers and asked questions.</p> <p>With the volume of Queenslanders in prison due to low-risk illicit drugs such as cannabis for personal use and the costs of imprisoning these low custody offenders (which is up to \$2000 per week), the question is – why are we reticent to decriminalise, even though it has been successful in other States, and has just been recommended in a recent report by the <a href="#">Queensland Productivity Commission</a>.</p> <p>In QLD today, our prisons have the highest rate of incarceration of non-violent offenders in Australia, the majority of these sentences being for repeat low-risk offences. Once a prisoner enters the system, they are 50 per cent more likely to re-offend within two years due to multiple factors including difficulties re-establishing networks, gaining work and community acceptance due to the shame and stigma of being incarcerated.</p> <p>The rate of incarceration has increased by more than 160 per cent since 1992, over 62 per cent of these custodial sentences for non-violent offenders. So, what does this all mean? Our prisons are overflowing with non-violent offenders. These low-risk offenders could be contributing through community service for fire mitigation, pathway construction, environmental and other projects that would benefit communities. If the current trend continues, the government will need to build approximately 4,200 additional cells by 2025 at a cost of around \$3.6 billion. In contrast, moving to a regulated decriminalised recreational drugs system, is reported to result in a net benefit of around \$850 million to the State.</p> <p>Studies undertaken in other States and countries where they have relaxed the criminalisation of illicit drugs have shown very little to no increase in usage rates. Research indicates that the prohibition of illicit drugs has never worked and in fact, leads to the supply of more harmful and addictive substances through the black market.</p>

		<p>This year during our annual community survey, over 86 per cent of residents supported decriminalisation of cannabis for personal use and 85 per cent supported community service programs in lieu of prison sentences for low-risk offenders to alleviate overcrowding prisons.</p> <p>Please refer to QONS, speeches, and queries on this, via Noosa 360  <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=cannabis">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=cannabis</a></p>
DOMESTIC AND FAMILY VIOLENCE	STATE	<p>Over the last two years I have had meetings with victims, families, barristers, Departments Ministers and community organisations regarding the need to increase resources for emergency housing, and contributors including drug/alcohol abuse, affordable housing and targeted programs. Even though there has been reviews, commissions, the commitment and resources, our statistics here in Noosa have increased, as I have spoken about in this Parliamentary <a href="#">speech</a>, and a <a href="#">Question on Notice</a> to the Minister for housing and Public Works. I have also written to both Ministers with recommendations put forward from our community, as well seeking increased funding in 2020 Budget.</p>
DRIVERS / CYCLISTS / PEDESTRIANS / RIVER USE – SHARING OF SPACE	STATE	<p>There have been a number of suggestions to resolve the sharing of space issue in multiple realms. On one hand - many dollars have been spent and efforts employed to reduce emissions and congestion through the modal shift to bicycles, including the building of bikeways. However, there continues to be angst and safety concerns over how we can share road, river and other spaces. This is part of a complex conversation surrounding available infrastructure and behaviours, and I have provided information on this on Noosa 360 in topics ‘Sharing of Space’, ‘Noosa Cycling/Pathway Strategy’, and writing Speeches/QONS which are all available via <a href="http://www.sandybolton.com">www.sandybolton.com</a>.</p> <p>We have requested updates on the cycling upgrades, and will post to 360, however I cannot see any funding being available to address assessed 'safe' areas, only those that have data of incidents at this present time. All Queensland road users have rights and responsibilities and must obey the general road rules. In addition, the Government’s Queensland Cycling Strategy sets the direction for encouraging and educating all road users about safely sharing the road and other public spaces.</p> <p>For more information please go to: <a href="https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Principal-Cycle-Network-Plans">https://www.tmr.qld.gov.au/Travel-and-transport/Cycling/Principal-Cycle-Network-Plans</a></p> <p>Regarding the sharing of river which has also been a major topic, please head to Noosa 360 for updates including a new dedicated MSQ officer.</p>

DROUGHT RELIEF FOR FARMERS	STATE	<p>Our drought affected farmers do need more government support, and this will be ongoing into the future as will other natural disasters. Efforts have been made including a Farmers Future Fund, and there is advocacy for increased grass roots funding to assist farmers become more weather resilient. Investigations into suitable water collection sites continues to be debated, however ultimately these come at a cost, and the business cases on many sites are reportedly not sustainable, as the cost of water to farmers would be prohibitive.</p> <p>More information on assistance can be found at <a href="https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/agriculture/disaster-recovery/drought/assistance-programs">https://www.daf.qld.gov.au/business-priorities/agriculture/disaster-recovery/drought/assistance-programs</a></p>
DRUG ABUSE / ICE / DRINK AND DRUG DRIVING	STATE	<p>This is another large discussion as the statistics regarding deaths from drugs are in the majority from prescribed and legal drugs as outlined in my <a href="#">Parliamentary speech</a>. However, and why I say it is a large discussion, the combinations of contributors including individual physiological makeup, what these drugs are mixed with, and the definition of what is termed 'safe'. Ice contributes to a concerning and growing number of deaths (refer to reference links below).</p> <p>It is the trauma, as with alcohol abuse, that is affecting families and communities. Even though there are enormous resources targeting this, ultimately it again primarily comes down to contributors, and personal responsibility. Every possible service to assist is made available, however if they are not utilised, or under-resourced, our frustration continues. I look forward to a discussion on Noosa 360, and in Parliament, as it is one of the most important aspects of understanding us as humans - as to 'why' we do this, and to continue to search for a solution to 'what' is the 'key'. Many efforts underway by Government and researchers into this most terrible of drugs - including why those who had never previously taken any drugs become addicted, even knowing its impacts. More information on this can be found at: <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/about/newsroom/action-on-ice-plan">https://www.qld.gov.au/about/newsroom/action-on-ice-plan</a>.</p> <p>QPS has increased targeting of drug dealing and drink/drug drivers, and we have highlighted aspects on NOOSA 360 drug reform <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=drug">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=drug</a>.</p> <p><a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/road-safety/drink-driving/drink-driving-reforms">https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/safety/road-safety/drink-driving/drink-driving-reforms</a>  <a href="https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/641316/methpaper.pdf">https://www.health.qld.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0021/641316/methpaper.pdf</a>  <a href="http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/3303.0~2016~Main%20Features~Drug%20Induced%20Deaths%20in%20Australia~6">http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/3303.0~2016~Main%20Features~Drug%20Induced%20Deaths%20in%20Australia~6</a></p> <p>More information on Mental Health services in QLD can be found at: <a href="https://www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/shifting-minds">https://www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/shifting-minds</a></p>

ECOTOURISM	STATE	<p>Many efforts underway regarding this, and I have just announced the successful tenderer for the Great Cooloola Walk which is a partnership with the Kabi Kabi. Many are working in this space including Noosa Council, Zero Emissions Noosa, Tourism Noosa. Construction is likely to be complete in late 2020. For more information, visit <a href="https://www.ditid.qld.gov.au/our-work/qld-ecotourism-trails/cooloola-great-walk">https://www.ditid.qld.gov.au/our-work/qld-ecotourism-trails/cooloola-great-walk</a></p>
EDUCATION	STATE	<p>Last year, we co-hosted the 'Blue Sky Thinking' forum with CQUniversity, educational leaders and 'Future Schools Alliance' who are making inroads in this space.</p> <p>This forum provided the opportunity for educational leaders across the region to develop tangible and workable ideas and goals (both long and short term) to effect educational reform. Presenters Pasi Sahlberg, Professor of education policy, and Research Director at the <a href="#">Gonski Institute</a> for Education, University of New South Wales, and Peter Hutton, Innovator, Director of the <a href="#">Future Schools Alliance</a> exemplified how to implement positive practice and policy to achieve better outcomes for students and teachers. Their presentations are below:  <b>Pasi Sahlberg's <a href="#">presentation</a></b>, Research Director, Gonski Institute, UNSW  <b>Peter Hutton's <a href="#">presentation</a></b>, Innovator, Director of the Future Schools Alliance</p> <p>All information is available on Noosa 360. <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=education">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=education</a></p>
EDUCATION – MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOLS	STATE	<p>Many schools already have policies in place regarding mobile phone usage during school hours and this is currently a decision for each school principal and their individual school communities.</p>
EDUCATION / VOCATIONAL TRAINING	STATE	<p>There are a number of State initiatives and funding including <a href="#">Advance QLD</a> for business to access. Locally we hosted the 'Innovation Forum' targeting youth pathways to work and the issues associated for our key pillar industries including the potential through 'rebranding' as 'touch' industries of the future. NETA (Noosa Education &amp; Training Alliance) has been formed which consists of RTOs, educators and industry, which will be delivering its key project targets shortly which may potentially include possibilities for the decommissioned TAFE site. For more information on Queensland's VET sector please visit: <a href="https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training">https://desbt.qld.gov.au/training</a></p>
ELDER ABUSE	STATE / FEDERAL	<p>Both Federal and State have a role in this, as well each and every one of us as I see elder abuse occurring daily, including abusing our matriarchs and patriarchs when they are slow on the roads, or on pathways. A Commission has just been finalised, and the recommendations from this we are awaiting on. More information is available on Elder Abuse at <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/seniors/safety-protection/discrimination-abuse/elder-abuse">https://www.qld.gov.au/seniors/safety-protection/discrimination-abuse/elder-abuse</a></p>
ELDERLY DRIVERS	STATE	<p>This is another aspect of both 'sharing space; which we have referred to previously, and for all to be a bit more tolerant to those who may be getting slower in speed and responses? We are currently researching and will update via Noosa 360.</p>

EMERGENCY SERVICES / RURAL FIRE SERVICE SUPPORT	STATE	<p>After our bushfires and ensuing evacuations, feedback from residents was summarised and provided to the Noosa Local Disaster Management Group (LDMG) and Ministers. Agencies including Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Queensland Fire and Emergency Services, Queensland Rural Fire Brigade and Queensland Police Service have fed in their recommendations, and these were discussed and collated after the LDMG meeting held on Friday 14 Feb 2020.</p> <p>In parliamentary <a href="#">speeches</a> I have included not only our gratitude to our frontliners, but also the importance for action in improving our systems, including communications to residents during disasters. We also have FireTech 2020 this September, which will be bringing the best in fire technology from across the globe to Noosa, with our local businesses in this space already providing their services and products internationally.</p> <p>Further efforts are currently underway through a number of avenues including Royal Commissions and reviews, and I have asked our local Rural Fire Services to always contact me for anything that is needed.</p>
ENERGY / SOLAR	STATE	<p>QLD currently has loans and grants available for solar systems and battery storage. More information can be found at <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/community/cost-of-living-support/concessions/energy-concessions/solar-battery-rebate/loans-for-solar-apply">https://www.qld.gov.au/community/cost-of-living-support/concessions/energy-concessions/solar-battery-rebate/loans-for-solar-apply</a>. There are options for communities to undertake projects, more information via <a href="https://www.dnrme.qld.gov.au/energy/initiatives/qld-solar-farm-guidelines">https://www.dnrme.qld.gov.au/energy/initiatives/qld-solar-farm-guidelines</a></p> <p>As well, a review of the EAU we requested is about to be completed, so that Councils can potentially provide solar which is then paid off over time by property owners through a levy on their rates. See Noosa 360 for more updates: <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=SOLAR">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=SOLAR</a></p>
ENERGY USAGE BY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS	STATE	<p>We have submitted a question on State Government protocols around this and will post to 360.</p>
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION / USE OF NATIONAL PARKS	STATE	<p>Noosa developments are regulated through the Noosa Plan, and every development must address multiple codes/regulations, including environmental. There are a number of local planning laws and State compliance legislation designed to ensure environmental compliances. However, as we have seen, often these can become outdated quickly as more recent information and findings come to hand, as well as community expectations evolving. Many community organisations and advocates are continuing to work with all levels of government to provide processes and safeguards to deliver better outcomes, and Noosa has the highest percentage of land protected in QLD, which has just seen a 19,000 hectare increase through the Yurol Partnership. In addition, we also have to accommodate the community needs e.g. aged care facilities, schools and community facilities, which understandably is getting difficult to accommodate with limited land available not covered through State or Local protections. At a State level, Bills have and will continue to be introduced to reduce human impacts, whilst remaining mindful of the costs involved.</p>

		<p>As we also saw recently with the Endangered Species Bill, money was being spent, however did not have an overarching strategy for 10 years, which has now been rectified. Many years ago, I offered a suggestion that prior to an application being put into Council that a stakeholder meeting take place, so that any concerns can be presented and addressed prior to lodgement. This may seem unrealistic, however could save many years, and dollars. One we need to consider is the terminology of a 'developer' that has a negative connotation. Every person that purchases a piece of land, and builds a house, or even a charity that builds a women's refuge, is actually a 'developer'? #foodforthought</p> <p>There has been concerns and potential conflicts surrounding the use of National Parks for tourism. There are two sides to this. One is that by sharing in an environmentally compatible and low impact way, coupled with education, appreciation and support for these assets will grow. The other side is that if usage is undertaken inappropriately, the very aspect that is unique, can be lost. This is a 'work in progress' in QLD as there has been some good examples in other States e.g. Tasmania, so we need to ensure that the current 'Great Walks' and other initiatives are undertaken in a similar manner.</p> <p>Horse riding in National Parks was banned some years ago, however if you can contact the Noosa electorate office as we require some more information as to what is being sought. More information can be found at Noosa 360: <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=NATIONAL+PARKS">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=NATIONAL+PARKS</a></p>
EUMUNDI-NOOSA ROAD	STATE	This road has two parts. One is within the Noosa electorate, and has undergone recent reviews, as well as part of the analysis for the Beckman's upgrade/Tewantin Bypass. The second is within Ninderry, and we continue to work with Dan Purdie MP on this including the Doonan Hill area. Updates posted to 360.
FARMING / ORGANIC FARMING	STATE	This has been extensively encouraged including through the regenerative farming movement, represented via Country Noosa, Slow Food Noosa etc that promotes unique offerings (line to fork, paddock to plate). However, there has been difficulties in relation to neighbour amenity (farming) in some areas, and concerns surrounding line fishing and the impacts to the consumer, as produce from land or ocean should be affordable to all residents. This is a work in progress; however, it was fabulous to see the 'Local Farmer' brand being launched after many years, and the success of all endeavours from our farmers is through support of buyers!
FLIGHT PATH	STATE	Currently awaiting release of Air Noise Ombudsman's report as per updates on Noosa 360 <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=flight+path">https://www.sandybolton.com/?s=flight+path</a>
FOSTER CARE SUPPORT	STATE	Foster carer payments are managed by the Department of Child Safety, Youth and Women (DCSYW). The Commonwealth provide some indirect funding, we are currently investigating this as well parental leave, and will post to 360.

GAY CONVERSATION THERAPY	STATE	<p>The Health Legislation Amendment Bill 2019 is currently with the Health, Communities, Disability Services and Domestic and Family Violence Prevention Committee, their most recent report can be viewed here: <a href="https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/Committees/HCDSDVFPC/2019/HealthLAB2019/trns-07Feb2020-ph.pdf#search=%22gay%20conversion%20therapy%22">https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/Committees/HCDSDVFPC/2019/HealthLAB2019/trns-07Feb2020-ph.pdf#search=%22gay%20conversion%20therapy%22</a></p> <p>We have contacted the Minister for Health and Ambulance, Hon Steven Miles, and have received the following response:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Being LGBTIQ is not a disorder that requires treatment.</li><li>• Conversion therapy is a dangerous and discredited practice and is opposed by all Australian health authorities. Evidence shows that conversion therapy has long-lasting mental health impacts and increases the risk of suicide for people who undergo it.</li><li>• Queenslanders expect that health professionals will not use treatments that are harmful and not based on evidence.</li><li>• No health practitioner is required to provide treatment to support gender transitions – they are simply prevented from engaging in dangerous and ineffective practices like electric shock therapy, giving nausea inducing drugs or using psychotherapy to attempt to change someone’s gender identity or sexual orientation.</li><li>• The Bill will prohibit any health service provider from performing sexual orientation conversion therapy.</li><li>• The Bill does not require or force health practitioners to perform any additional treatments. It is disappointing to see some organisations spreading un-truths that are only designed to scare parents and doctors</li></ul> <p>In addition to the comments above, you can read about the bill here: <a href="https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/tableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T2183.pdf">https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/documents/tableOffice/TabledPapers/2019/5619T2183.pdf</a></p>
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<p>GOVERNMENT ACCOUNTABILITY / POLITICIANS NOT SPEAKING THE TRUTH / SHORT SIGHTED POLICIES</p>	<p>STATE</p>	<p>The behaviour of a minority impacts the rest of us as representatives. As seen in many professions/industries, there are those who do not deserve their position, and thankfully we are starting to see appropriate action being taken. Not enough, however we are seeing progress!</p> <p>Being an Independent is very different to being attached to a political party, as I can relay what the thoughts are of our community, even when they are not in agreeance! I can also relay any facts obtained without having a 'slant'. Sometimes when asked a question though, there are constraints, including when a case/issue is in what is called a legal or judicial process, or is with the operational arm of Government.</p> <p>With regard to short sighted policies, we are working to effect positive change in this arena, and I have touched on this in Parliamentary speeches, columns and newsletters. With the assistance of the Speaker, we are seeing improvements in Chamber and as with any democratic society, it is up to voters to elect candidates who will work towards the longer-term solutions which is a large conversation in itself!</p>
<p>GOVERNMENT / STATE DEBT</p>	<p>STATE</p>	<p>This is always a hot debate and has a number of aspects to consider. When infrastructure needs to be delivered to address services and requirements such as access (buses, trains), health (hospitals) or economic growth (facilities) - Government has a choice, it can say no, or it can borrow funds in order to deliver. There is what is termed as both 'good', and 'bad' debt. 'Good' could be determined as one that delivers better outcomes across society, both in the short and longer term and that contributes to sustainability, the economy and improved positions, or 'bad' debt that cannot be capitalised on and is used for the short term only and what could be classified as 'operational'. I will again endeavour to break up QLD's debt, as well a comparison to other States in the coming topics on Noosa 360.</p>
<p>GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS</p>	<p>STATE</p>	<p>The procurement process is stringent, and at times constrained by 'commercial in confidence'. However ultimately all levels must abide by what the Federal framework dictates, an upcoming Bill regarding contractor collapses, raises further issues including increased stringency becoming too complex for small local operators.</p> <p>See the explanatory notes for this bill here: <a href="https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Documents/TableOffice/TabledPapers/2020/5620T184.pdf">https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/Documents/TableOffice/TabledPapers/2020/5620T184.pdf</a></p>



HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES / MEDICAL CENTRES	STATE	Medical Centres are GP private practices and are supported by Primary Health Networks as part of Federal Government. Previous trials regarding saw a lack of support, which meant they were not able to continue operating. As with any business, volume is needed to be viable, and residents who were not prepared to pay for a doctor, instead utilised casualty/emergency departments as they are free. This leads to why we have an overuse of these departments, and we have again queried how we can triage at Noosa Hospital those that are not emergency cases, including an option for a trial where a GP is based as a practice at the hospital so that non-emergency cases can be triaged to them.
HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES / NOOSA HOSPITAL	STATE	<p>Noosa Hospital is a private hospital and although it is also contracted to treat public patients, they can only do so for services they provide. Noosa Hospital does have oncology treatments available such as chemotherapy, however not all treatments are available, and the location of treatments is a discussion to be had with your treating physician. This is quite complex, as to have world class services at SCUH and Nambour, they require a certain volume. Same as with birthing suites. This situation came about for request over the years for these services locally, instead of needing to travel to Brisbane for specialist services, and in many aspects we are fortunate to have a shorter distance than previously, which have been situated where it was considered central. In the mix, services such as birthing require staff that retain their qualifications by needing to attend to a certain volume of cases annually, and as an example, currently there are not enough births in Noosa to meet the criteria.</p> <p>Noosa hospital as a private hospital has limited services available, however in response to a needs analysis will be increasing its services into the future. Sunshine Coast Hospital and Health Service managed healthcare at Gympie, Nambour and Sunshine Coast University Hospital at Birtinya as a whole network services the Sunshine Coast. If you would like specific health care services information or areas for improvement, please email <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a></p>
HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICES / WAITING TIMES	STATE	We have requested the comparative statistics from present to 5 years ago for the North Coast Region and will post to 360.
HOMESCHOOLING / NEWSTART FUNDING	STATE	We will investigate what options are available, however Newstart is a Federal domain, and it may be that it will need to be referred to our Federal MPs Llew O'Brien and Ted O'Brien.

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS	STATE	<p>There are many efforts underway currently in relation to this, including via Bills before Parliament and Native Title negotiations. Increased resources for our land management have included Indigenous Ranger programs, Noosa District Landcare Association and in advocacy and in my speeches for increased and better grass roots funding models.</p> <p>We are supportive of inclusive celebrations for all Australians however respect the rights of individuals to celebrate as they prefer. Every day in Chamber I stand in acknowledgment, one of 3 out of 93 MPs. At every event I attend locally, acknowledgments are read, or Welcome to Country is done by Brendon, Brett and our Kabi Kabi people. The flag is flown at many of these events, and in any meeting, I have had with our First Nations people, they have not raised that this is an issue in Noosa. Deadly Espresso and SevGen are incredible examples of Indigenous businesses and we would love to see more follow their lead. Indigenous land claims are in Federal government domain by the Native Title Act, and from my discussions, this is complex and not held up by Government as it is about agreements between our Indigenous groups.</p>
KOALA HABITAT MAPPING	STATE	<p>Recent changes have been announced by State government to address this. Please see the following for more information <a href="http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2020/2/7/from-today-more-koala-habitat-will-be-protected-by-stronger-regulations">http://statements.qld.gov.au/Statement/2020/2/7/from-today-more-koala-habitat-will-be-protected-by-stronger-regulations</a> and <a href="https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/animals/living-with/koalas">https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/wildlife/animals/living-with/koalas</a></p> <p>Whilst there is an area behind Noosa Civic that has an exemption from these regulations under a PMAV issued in 2014, no new applications for PMAV will allow exemptions and this land can still be protected under local council biodiversity laws. Also, in Noosa we have seen increased protection of 19,000 hectares, through initiatives such as the Yurol partnership, further information on this can be found on Noosa 360. <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/noosa-koala-mapping/">https://www.sandybolton.com/noosa-koala-mapping/</a></p>
LOCAL BUSINESS / KIN KIN QUARRY	STATE	<p>Local businesses such as the quarry, also employ local residents and support local businesses and endeavours directly and indirectly. However resident amenity also needs to be protected and the reason that management plans form part of the approvals process with local councils. The Kin Kin Quarry has long history as it was run by Council to provide the gravel for our roads. It is a complex and frustrating issue where when areas do not have a quarry, the cost for doing roads to ratepayers increases, as do the emissions! One that will never have an easy solution, and we continue endeavours to improve amenity and safety where these types of business are situated.</p>

LOCAL BUSINESS / TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION BUSINESS INCUBATORS	STATE	<p>There are currently a number of strategies including the <a href="#">Local Economic Plan for Noosa</a>, the <a href="#">Sunshine Coast Regional Economic Development Strategy</a> and <a href="#">South East Queensland Regional Plan</a> which target diversification and opportunities across various sectors including the knowledge industries. Efforts in innovation are being seen, with a number of businesses and organisations involved in <a href="#">SCRIPT</a>, and we are seeing a greater understanding of the importance of social innovation in addressing community needs. There are good examples in our NFP sector through social enterprise including our only disability facility 'Our Backyard' being realised, and greater encouragement to provide what many innovators seek including access to funding and connectivity. The Peregrian Digital Hub provides incubation, and these are increasing including the FireTech 2020 in September being hosted here.</p>
LOCAL JOBS / LOCAL BUSINESS	STATE	<p>Having moved here 30 years ago, yes, I had to take on jobs that were available, including dishwashing! As part of my ongoing efforts in diversification from our traditional key pillar industries of hospitality, tourism and retail, we now have emerging tech, services and education industries that are growing at a rapid rate. Close by we have specialist industries including medical, and a host of others. We will never have the offerings here in Noosa that a big city, or industrial space has, however in coming here we sought a lifestyle, and for that, there is also some aspects of our choice in careers. My children work interstate, and though hard to be parted from them and my grandchildren, understand the opportunities they seek, as well their commitment to come back home once they have established.</p> <p>There are many supports available for businesses through QLD, more information can be found at <a href="https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support">https://www.business.qld.gov.au/starting-business/advice-support</a>, for any concerns regarding local laws administered by Noosa Council, you can email them on <a href="mailto:mail@noosa.qld.gov.au">mail@noosa.qld.gov.au</a></p> <p>Regarding retail rent, the choice of who rents shops to do business is not governed by State Government The only influence is through planning schemes, and classifications including regional that can restrict certain stores as they are determined as a 'higher order' which require a certain population, hence why you see areas such as Maroochydore/Kawana having David Jones etc, and Noosa does not.</p>
MENTAL HEALTH / SUICIDE SUPPORT	STATE	<p>Many organisations, both with and without government funding, as well the QLD Health Department are actively working on this, including United Synergies who recently hosted the state-wide 'Shifting the Dial' forum here in Noosa. For further information please go to the Qld Mental Health Commission website: <a href="https://www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/strategic-planning/action-plans/suicide-prevention">https://www.qmhc.qld.gov.au/strategic-planning/action-plans/suicide-prevention</a>. If you wish to provide more specific comments or would like to discuss, please email <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a>.</p>

MENTAL HEALTH / YOUTH SUPPORT	STATE	<p>This is one that is very frustrating for parents, as you say, once they turn 18, they are no longer under Child and Youth Mental Health and unless they want help themselves (as an adult) or are at risk and require an involuntary mental health assessment or to be placed under suicide watch, there is no avenue for assistance. Please see more information on available supports and services for Mental Health in Queensland <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/health/mental-health">https://www.qld.gov.au/health/mental-health</a> and <a href="https://www.csyw.qld.gov.au/youth/youth-support-services">https://www.csyw.qld.gov.au/youth/youth-support-services</a>.</p> <p>If you wish to provide more specific comments or would like to discuss, please email <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a>.</p>
NATIVE TREES ON MOTORWAY VERGES	STATE	<p>No one likes to remove trees, and the dilemma is often how to deliver the infrastructure that is needed, as well as maintaining environmental standards. We have asked TMR with regards to State road projects and if they have an offset policy for trees that may need to be removed or replaced. When we get an update, we will advise. You can also view the Queensland Environmental Offsets Policy General Guide here: <a href="https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/assets/documents/pollution/management/offsets/offsets-policy-general-guide.pdf">https://environment.des.qld.gov.au/assets/documents/pollution/management/offsets/offsets-policy-general-guide.pdf</a></p>
NOOSA NORTH SHORE	STATE	<p>The Cooloola Teewah Working Group formed with members from a range of local stakeholders across two councils and state electorates to collaborate on a range of measures including visitor/camping numbers, and we look forward to the final recommendations/outcomes from this.</p>
NOOSA PLAN / SHORT TERM LETS	STATE / LOCAL	<p>State Government have reconvened the working group with stakeholders regarding a Code of Conduct, as the nation-wide approach sought last year was not achieved. After two years advocating in this space, it has been a frustratingly slow process, however an announcement has been released. This process is not to be confused with Local Government and Planning Schemes, as the role of State Government and Ministers is limited to ensure schemes submitted comply with State legislation, codes and plans. I have been in contact with the Minister's office to ensure due process was followed and am satisfied it has.</p> <p>The Minister for State Development, Manufacturing , Infrastructure and Planning has approved the Noosa Plan subject to conditions including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adding more guidance for the development of the Shire Business Centre within 12 months of adopting the scheme.</li> <li>• Finalise Council's Coastal Hazards Adaptation Plan funded by the State Government and incorporate information into the scheme within 12 months of adopting the scheme.</li> <li>• Monitor the provisions relating to short term accommodation, tourism and housing supply over a 2-year period and determine whether any changes are required after that time and provide a report to the Minister. The Ministerial conditions didn't require any changes to the draft scheme before adoption.</li> <li>• Some technical changes to ensure consistency with various State Codes.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Make some minor changes to the Bushfire Hazard overlay map.</li> <li>• Amend the Biodiversity, Waterways and Wetlands overlay to better align with state instruments.</li> <li>• Amend the scheme's provisions for social and community housing to change Council's proposal to require social and community housing and instead, make the provision of social and community housing discretionary.</li> <li>• Change our koala mapping to reflect the State's koala mapping.</li> </ul> <p>For more information please contact Noosa Council on 5329 6500.</p>
NOOSA RIVER	STATE	<p>A full-time Maritime Safety Officer (MSO) will arrive in Noosa early March. This officer will work together with Water Police and Department of Fisheries to improve many issues within our river including user behaviours, 'hulks'(many of which have already been removed or are currently under watch). Legislation was changed late last year giving Department of Fisheries more powers to remove crab pots without identifying information, as well pipi bag limits were further strengthened. Currently Noosa River has a Healthy Waterways A-rating which is one of the best in the Sunshine Coast region. That being said there is currently dioxin testing being undertaken as well as finalisation of the recommendations of the Fish Taskforce Report 2009. Updates via 360.</p>
PARLIAMENTARY PROCESS / RELIGIOUS CONTENT	STATE	<p>As part of the discussion, and commitment by Government around 'inclusiveness' I have questioned our rituals in Chamber and written to the Speaker that it may be more appropriate to review these to allow MPs to connect with their own beliefs or reflections, and promote not only Queensland's multiculturalism, and our commitment and to honour all who have given so much to secure what we have today. Please see my speech on <a href="#">Parliamentary Rituals</a> here.</p>
POLICE / MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING	STATE	<p>Police and all first responders receive training in identifying, and dealing with, those impacted by mental health issues. As well, frontline Government staff including in my electoral office receive training and support in recognising and assisting with constituents experiencing difficulties. If there is a particular aspect that you would like to discuss, please call or email our office.</p>
POLICE / RESOURCING	STATE	<p>More resources are needed in a number of realms, as well for Queenslanders to accept some responsibility for their own actions and behaviour in general, as we are seeing increasingly a lack of common courtesy, compassion and tolerance contributing to conflict. More than 50% of police time in Noosa is currently spent on DV issues, and I referred to this in my speech on <a href="#">'Domestic Violence &amp; Responsibility'</a>. Police and other frontliners also require support for their personal general wellbeing (e.g. PTSD, depression, anxiety) as they are confronted with trauma daily. Key issues contributing to their increased workloads can be assisted by advances in technology to increase everyday policing, including cameras and drones, however there has been opposition to this?</p>

POLITICAL LOBBYING	STATE	Lobbying is done by individuals, even when I am in the supermarket! This is called having a 'voice' which is good, however we need to discern between what appropriate lobbying is, which is putting forward a point of view, and inappropriate, where there is pressure through threats, financial support/loss, or other mechanisms that diminish the pure voice. Please email with any further questions on <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a> .
PUBLIC TRANSPORT / HINTERLAND	STATE	Having lived in the Hinterland, I understand the difficulties. With residents advocating for little or no increase to population, it is difficult to build business cases that require volume/demand. We must look to innovative trials as an alternative to the current 'empty' buses and trains and their inability to provide adequate coverage. I am also in the process of finalising a pilot for SCUH patients (see below), progressing options with TransLink (whom are also working with Council on the Local Transport Strategy) and advocating for a train shuttle between Gympie North and Nambour to connect with their services. As well, waiting for the results of the On Demand pilot in Ipswich, which has had its challenges, however if these have been resolved, could be trialled here? There are a number of subsidized options for eligible travellers, including Noosa's Community Support Centre available for those assessed under 'My Aged Care' (Federal Government program), Comlink and Noosa Council's \$2 Taxi. See TransLink for more information on this trial: <a href="https://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/drt/trial-sites">https://translink.com.au/travel-with-us/drt/trial-sites</a>
PUBLIC TRANSPORT / SCUH	STATE	We are currently working on a pilot program for our communities with the support of SCUH, Comlink and the Minister for Health, and should have an announcement before mid-year. This has been another one which has taken frustratingly longer than I had hoped. Please refer to updates on 360.

RAIL SERVICES / GYMPIE NORTH TO NAMBOUR	STATE	<p>Queensland Rail is aware of requests for a Gympie North to Nambour shuttle train service, and I had spoken and written to the Minister on a potential trial of this. TMR has undertaken initial investigations into this approach, however they advise that further feasibility work would be required to understand the viability of this suggestion, and I have met again with TMR regarding.</p> <p>Queensland Rail's current priority has been introducing extra services across South East Queensland, as well as the introduction of the New Generation Rollingstock (NGR) train fleet to its network.</p> <p>In addition to 463 extra weekly services added to the network in 2019, from 2 March 2020 they will add a further 32 weekly services to its South East Queensland timetable each week. This includes an additional inbound service from Nambour each weekday morning at 5.38am. The train will arrive at Central station at 7:26am, providing an additional option for Sunshine Coast line commuters during the busy morning peak period.</p> <p>From 2 March 2020, Queensland's newest trains – the NGR fleet – will also be deployed to the Sunshine Coast line for the first time, to stations between Elimbah and Nambour. The fleet will operate more than 45 existing Sunshine Coast line services per week – replacing older train models – including the extended service departing Nambour station at 5:38am. The fleet will run on weekdays, not weekends.</p> <p>Updates on our efforts regarding a shuttle pilot will be posted to 360.</p>
RECYCLING / WASTE MANGEMENT	STATE / LOCAL	<p>More work is needed in this area including multi-use plastics, cleaning up waterways etc. The banning of single use bags was a start, and now through the new waste levy, funding is available for initiatives from NFPs (not for profits) and companies, that includes alternatives to multi-use plastics, repurposing, recycling and renewing. Plastic Free Noosa and ZEN (Zero Emissions Noosa) are both working on projects locally, and there are multiple environmental organisations including NICA, Ocean Crusaders, Noosa &amp; District Landcare and Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee who we work with in these efforts. Review of the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 is underway. Details on the new container recycling scheme can be found at Containers for Change, with updates on new initiatives posted to Noosa 360. We are seeing a number rolling out, which can be found here: <a href="https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recovery/disposal-levy">https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/pollution/management/waste/recovery/disposal-levy</a></p>
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUNDING	STATE / FEDERAL	<p>Approximately 75%, of funding for Qld schools comes from the State Government, with the majority of this funding going to public schools. Most private school funding is provided by the Commonwealth Government.</p>

		More information can be found here: <a href="https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2018/child-care-education-and-training/school-education/rogs-2018-partb-chapter4.pdf">https://www.pc.gov.au/research/ongoing/report-on-government-services/2018/child-care-education-and-training/school-education/rogs-2018-partb-chapter4.pdf</a>
ROADS / BRUCE HIGHWAY / SUNSHINE MOTORWAY	STATE	There are upgrades currently underway in sections of the Highway at the congestion points, however some of these will take some time. Requests for dual carriageway into Noosa on the Sunshine Motorway should be considered carefully, as Noosa residents are concerned over our coastal communities being impacted by congestion and being 'over-loved'. Increased and greater road infrastructure is likely to make it easier and quicker for more people to access Noosa and that will increase these issues and other 'knock-on' effects, unless mitigating the current concerns can be addressed. This is a big issue that we will be investigating further this year and will run a poll to ascertain public opinion on the matter.
ROADS / HINTERLAND HOONING	STATE	Hooning is not just relegated to the Hinterland areas, and it is important to <a href="#">report to the police</a> online or call Policelink on 134 666 (13 HOON). If you have already made complaints, and the behaviour is continuing, please provide details to us at <a href="mailto:noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au">noosa@parliament.qld.gov.au</a> and we will investigate further.
ROADS / LAKE ENTRANCE BLVD PEDESTRIAN CROSSING / OVER/UNDERPASS	STATE / LOCAL	This is a tough one and has been part of the negotiations between State and Council around the Beckman Rd works. Even though this is under Noosa Council management, you can copy us in to any correspondence with Council or contact one of your local Councillors here at <a href="https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/about-council/councillors-meetings/mayor-and-councillors">https://www.noosa.qld.gov.au/about-council/councillors-meetings/mayor-and-councillors</a>
ROADS / SIVYERS RD	STATE	TMR received an informal petition in May 2018. In response to this petition, signage in each direction was upgraded in 2018. The intersection has also been nominated for further works under the Targeted Road Safety Program, including a dedicated right turn lane, and we will put updates on our advocacy regarding to Noosa 360.
TELECOMMUNICATIONS	FEDERAL	Telecommunications is in the Federal Government domain except in situations such as Sunshine Coast Council's initiative for the International Broadband Submarine Cable <a href="https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/submarinecable">https://www.sunshinecoast.qld.gov.au/submarinecable</a> . We all need to continue advocating to our Federal MPs Llew and Ted, as it is frustrating for all, including us MPs with poor connectivity!
VOLUNTARY ASSISTED DYING	STATE	We continue to raise this issue with the Premier in Parliament with the most recent action being our Question Without Notice 20th February. See my speech on this issue here <a href="https://www.sandybolton.com/mp-speech-voluntary-assisted-dying-law-reform/">https://www.sandybolton.com/mp-speech-voluntary-assisted-dying-law-reform/</a>



WATER MANAGEMENT / FARMERS	STATE	<p>This is such a big conversation, with regional QLD from all accounts not in agreeance on this, and currently there is more research being done into a number of options for water collection/distribution as part of 'drought proofing'. There are works in place on multiple fronts including current regulations for new dwellings re storm water tanks. Seqwater have a 30-year plan 'Water for Life' – South East Queensland's Water Security program 2016 – 2046 that can be viewed <a href="#">here</a> and includes saltwater and recycling utilisation. Other entities and organisations working in this realm include the Department of Environment &amp; Science, Noosa Council, Unitywater and NICA. Regarding more assistance for farmers, I have spoken on this during the GBR debate for increased extension officers and will continue in these efforts on behalf of farmers. Research is ongoing.</p>
WILDLIFE PROTECTION / PLANNING LAWS	STATE / LOCAL	<p>Noosa developments are regulated through the Noosa Plan, and every development must address multiple codes/regulations, including environmental protection. I believe what we are seeing is that as areas are identified as important to specific wildlife, often the environmental checklist does not accommodate as it may be 'dated'.</p> <p>Many years ago, I offered a suggestion that prior to an application being put into Council that a stakeholder meeting take place, so that any concerns can be presented and addressed prior to lodgement. This may seem unrealistic, however could save many years, and dollars, due to processes that ultimately are not designed against either wildlife or humans, but to provide accommodations and infrastructure demanded by the broader community.</p> <p>The terminology 'developer' has become embedded with negative connotations , however every person that purchases a piece of land, and builds a house, or even a charity that constructs a women's refuge, is termed a 'developer', and must comply with legislation, which is being amended to accommodate new learnings. As well, many community organisations and advocates are continuing to work with all levels of government to provide processes and safeguards to deliver better outcomes, as well being mindful that this comes at a cost, sometimes apparent at the time, other times not.</p>

<p>WILDLIFE PROTECTION / WILDLIFE CORRIDORS</p>	<p>STATE</p>	<p>There have been a number of poor outcomes from various trials, as there is currently no methodology to 'direct' wildlife to use over- or under-passes, as they do not follow exact patterns. We have investigated opportunities with wildlife organisations through technology for alerts for drivers and spoken with 'Substation 33' about the potential to develop such technologies. It is a frustrating space; however, I have been pleased to see that where I live, signs posted by Koala Crusaders at 'hotspots' are responded to which allows for increased stopping times for crossing koalas. There are examples across Australia where there are 'wildlife precincts', where speed is lowered at certain times as a norm, and this may be possible through advocacy and community / driver support.</p> <p>There are a number of initiatives underway including purchases of land to better protect wildlife such as the Yurol Plantation, designated Nature Refuges and the funding of Land for Wildlife, koala corridors and ongoing negotiations to create a wildlife sanctuary. Land purchases are strategic to ensure access linkages where possible to avoid major roads, and incorporate a combination of Council, State and private landholdings. Within the Noosa LGA (including State and Local Government landholdings) we are fortunate in that approximately 37% is held for wildlife and biodiversity – one of the highest in QLD. State Government and Council have resources and staff that maintain in accordance with the planning scheme and biodiversity overlays, recent vegetation management laws and animal protection regulations. Stay up to date on Noosa 360.</p>
<p>YOUTH SUPPORT</p>	<p>STATE / LOCAL</p>	<p>As part of the original round table I hosted on this some five years ago, we then held a Youth Forum as part of getting a better understanding on the elements, including why we have a disconnect between those seeking work, and yet employers in our key pillar industries have difficulty finding staff, and report they are reliant on 457 Visa holders to fill their positions. Noosa Education and Training Alliance(NETA) has since formed, and is making progress with three key tasks, and I expect a report on this progress in the coming weeks.</p> <p>There are also a number of initiatives targeting our youth which include mental and physical wellbeing. For those that are classified as vulnerable, we have a variety of services, including United Synergies and Headspace. Our office last year supported over 100 at risk youth to access their passion - whether that be sport, music, dancing or theatre, as part of connecting to community, mentors and opportunity.</p> <p>Noosa Chances has also announced its first scholarship recipients, which will see these children receive financial support for their whole of schooling life. All levels of Government run programs themselves but also fund sporting and community groups through various grants, with many successful programs operating in our region. QLD State Government provides many supports for youth through their Youth Support Services <a href="https://www.csyw.qld.gov.au/youth/youth-support-services">https://www.csyw.qld.gov.au/youth/youth-support-services</a>.</p>