

## MP Sandy Bolton seeks public opinion on fluoridation and state control

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Noosa MP Sandy Bolton is launching a public survey to gather community opinion on whether water fluoridation should remain a local council matter or be managed at the state level.

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Following recent calls from medical professionals for water fluoridation to be managed at the state level rather than by local councils in Queensland, state independent Member for Noosa, Sandy Bolton, has revealed plans to launch a public survey to gather community feedback on the issue.

Ms Bolton explained that when potential issues arise and spark public discussion, she often seeks community feedback to gauge public sentiment.

“I don't take my views forward, I take my community's views forward,” Ms Bolton said.

“We survey on many things and according to the outcome it's sometimes as simple as just letting the state know the feelings from Noosa on a particular issue.”



Water being poured into a glass. To go with stories about fluoride (and fluoridation) of drinking water. Picture: Thinkstock

“We’re simply asking the community for their thoughts, whether they think it should remain with local government or with the state in terms of mandates, and if so, whether they prefer to retain fluoridation or not,” she said.

The survey will also include a question on the proposed public child sex offender registry, set to be introduced in 2025 with a three-tier system allowing residents to check if individuals have a history of child sexual offending.

The survey will be available on Ms Bolton’s website, through the website’s email list, and via social media, with results publicly posted on the Noosa 360 platform.



Independent Member for Noosa, MP Sandy Bolton

In 2008, the Labor government under Anna Bligh mandated fluoride in Queensland’s water, but the power was shifted to councils in 2012 under Campbell Newman’s LNP government.

Since then, several councils, including Gympie, Cairns, and Gladstone, have decided to remove or reject fluoride, adding to the roughly 50 of Queensland’s 77 councils that do not fluoridate their water.



