

# COUNTRY ALLIANCE

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### **Alliance to announce fluoridation position**

The Country Alliance party says it supports the opposition by the National Party to mandatory fluoridation of water supplies, but says it wants to go further.

The Member for Murray Valley, Ken Jasper, tabled a petition in Parliament calling for a referendum of local communities on whether or not fluoride should be added.

“We support the position taken by the Nationals, however we also think the local community is entitled to start from a position of ‘no fluoridation’ and have the decision only changed if there is genuine community support,” said party spokesperson Fiona Hilton-Wood.

“We started working on this issue in December when we publicly said that more needed to be done to involve local communities in decisions like this.”

“Our position doesn’t stop there. We think that communities who have fluoride in their water supplies should be able to have that overturned if there is enough support,” she said.

The Country Alliance will announce a range of policies, including its position on water, next week.

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