

# Jury worth persevering with

**ANYONE** has a right to disagree with the idea of a community jury. Let's face it – one in five locals voted against restoring our council two years ago, and one in five voted for a serial candidate from Ipswich as mayor.

There will always be people lined up to attack any idea, regardless of its merits. In the case of the community jury, you can boil down the arguments against as this: "We've always had councillors deciding our future, so any change to that is a waste of money." Really? In this case, we're talking about the huge and complex question of what our community is prepared to do to reduce the mountain of toxic organic waste that uses up our landfill and churns



out methane gas. Millions of dollars, and the reputation of our Noosa Biosphere, are at stake.

A relatively small amount of money to pay for an internationally proven way of gauging what our community is prepared to do about such a complex issue seems like a pretty good idea to

me. There's nothing scary about making small, incremental improvements to give our community a greater say. I'm confident that the 4 out of 5 who voted for the return of our council are delighted with the direction we're taking.

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