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Briefing Note for Noting
 The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP
 Minister for Health

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Requested by: Deputy Director-General
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SUBJECT: Water Fluoridation Resources – 2013 Update

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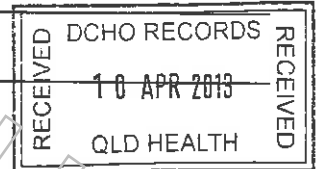
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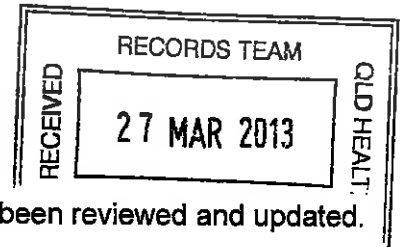
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Urgency

1. Routine



Headline Issues

2. The top issues are:
 - The Department of Health's water fluoridation resources have been reviewed and updated.

Key Values

3. The key values that apply are the following:
 - Better service for patients
 - Better healthcare in the community
 - Valuing our employees and empowering frontline staff
 - Empowering local communities with a greater say over their hospital and local health services
 - Value for money for taxpayers
 - Openness

Key issues

4. Existing Department of Health water fluoridation resources (Attachments 1 – 6) have been reviewed and updated to reflect the changes to the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*.
5. Other changes included replacing references to Queensland Health with Department of Health, replacing the former Queensland Health logo with the new Queensland Government logo and including a 2013 version date.
6. These resources are available to internal and external stakeholders and are a key source of information for health professionals, Local Government and members of the general public who wish to access evidence-based information on water fluoridation in Queensland.
7. The updated resources have already been made available to stakeholders in instances where requests for water fluoridation information have been made, for example, Hospital and Health Service oral health staff, Hospital and Health Service Public Health Unit staff, the Australian Dental Association Queensland Branch, various Local Councils.
8. The updated resources will be distributed via the Queensland Health internet site, via QHEPS and from OfficeMax (the company taking over the functions of the Queensland Government Bookshop).

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Background

9. In December 2012, the Queensland Government made changes to the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*. The changes allow Local Councils to determine whether or not water fluoridation is in the best interests of their communities and to make decisions to continue, cease or not proceed with water fluoridation.

Consultation

10. Water Quality Unit, Environmental Health Regulation and Standards, Health Protection Unit
11. Chief Health Officer
12. Chief Dental Officer
13. Australian Dental Association, Queensland Branch.

Financial implications

14. Revisions to existing digital artwork and supply of print-ready and web-ready PDFs involved a total cost of \$1127.50. This cost was met from within the operating budget of the Office of the Chief Dental Officer.

Legal implications

15. There are no legal implications.

Attachments

16. Attachment 1: Water fluoridation – DL Brochure
- Attachment 2: Facts on water fluoridation in Queensland – Fact Sheet
- Attachment 3: Common fluoride myths – Fact Sheet
- Attachment 4: Frequently asked questions – Fact Sheet
- Attachment 5: 5 Facts – Fact Sheet
- Attachment 6: 5 Facts – Poster

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Director-General's comments


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How does fluoride work?

Water fluoridation combats tooth decay in three ways.

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1. Bacteria in the mouth make acids that cause tooth decay. Fluoride stops the acids from attacking the teeth.
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2. Without fluoride—bacteria containing acids break down tooth enamel and causes tooth decay.
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3. Drinking fluoridated water replaces lost minerals and repairs damage to tooth enamel. This continual replacement stops the progression of tooth decay.



More than 150 major health and scientific organisations support water fluoridation

Further information

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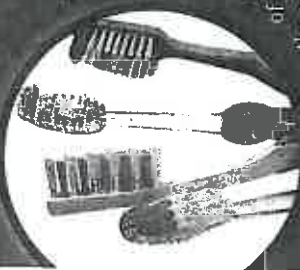
Department of Health
Better health
for all Queenslanders



Water fluoridation



The benefits of water fluoridation



Our teeth need the protection of fluoride throughout life to avoid the pain and costs of tooth decay.

Children benefit as soon as their teeth are formed – giving the best of health and having healthy teeth for life.

Teenagers benefit as they are at higher risk of developing tooth decay.

You get the benefit as they can spend less time and money on expensive dental treatment.

Middle-aged people can enjoy a healthier, more comfortable lifestyle by avoiding the pain and costs of dental treatment.

Elderly people are now keeping their teeth longer and will benefit from being well-protected against tooth decay.



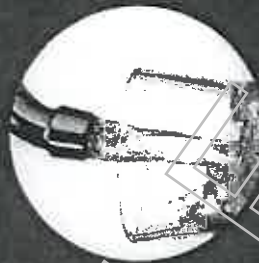
No matter what age everyone benefits from fluoride

Water fluoridation in Queensland

Some parts of Queensland have been fluoridated for decades. For example, Townsville has been fluoridated for more than 70 years.

In recent years the number of Queenslanders who have access to the benefits of water fluoridation has dramatically increased. For example, the majority of south east Queensland has been fluoridated for four years.

Other Australian States and Territories have been fluoridating for 30–50 years.



Safety of water fluoridation

Water fluoridation gives extra protection against tooth decay but, if used, regular brushing and flossing and regular dental check-ups are all essential to good oral health.

The fluoridation of public water supplies has been tried and tested around the world for more than 60 years. It is a well-proven, safe and one of the most cost-effective health interventions for the 21st century.

Numerous studies and reviews have confirmed the safety and effectiveness of water fluoridation in reducing dental decay in the whole population.

Common fluoride myths



Water fluoridation is bad for babies

Fact: Water fluoridation has been endorsed by the World Health Organization, Australian Medical Association and American Academy of Pediatrics, and has no known health risks for babies and young children.

Fluoride causes cancer

Fact: Concentrations in the rest of Australia (mostly fluoridated for decades) have a higher fluorine Queensland (and only non-fluoridated until 2008).

Fluoride causes allergies

Fact: Fluoride is found naturally in most foods and water. No credible research has linked water fluoridation to allergies, hypothyroidism or other immunological effects.

Water fluoridation is banned in Europe

Fact: No country has banned water fluoridation. **Fact:** Many countries use soft fluoridation as an alternative.

Water fluoridation is mass medication

Fact: The Department of Health does not consider the fluoridation of public water to be a medical intervention. It is a public health measure to prevent dental decay. It is not a drug. It is not a medicine. It is not a treatment. It is a public health measure to prevent dental decay. It is not a drug. It is not a medicine. It is not a treatment.

Water fluoridation – better health for all Queenslanders

Facts on water fluoridation in Queensland



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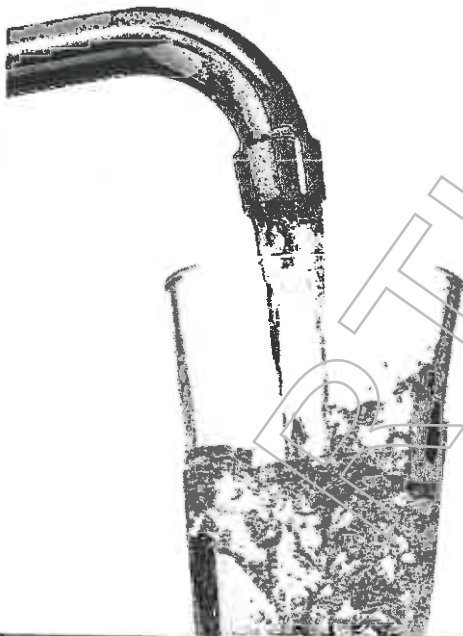


Tooth decay and fluoride

- 67 per cent of Queensland children have experienced tooth decay by eight years of age.
- Every year, around 2000 pre-schoolers need to be hospitalised for severe dental decay.
- Fluoride is a naturally occurring compound found in water, plants, rocks, soil, air and foods.
- Topping up fluoride levels in water can reduce the risk of dental decay by up to 40 per cent.
- Prior to 2008, only five per cent of Queenslanders had access to fluoridated drinking water while other states and territories have been fluoridated for 30–50 years.
- The Department of Health no longer recommends the routine use of fluoride supplements, as they do not provide the same health benefit as fluoridated water, and may increase the risk of dental fluorosis.

Safety and cost-effectiveness of water fluoridation

- A recent review found an average of 2.25 less decayed teeth per child in fluoridated areas.
- Numerous studies and reviews have confirmed the effectiveness of water fluoridation in reducing dental decay for the whole population.
- The fluoridation of public water supplies has been practised around the world for more than sixty years; it is acknowledged as one of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 20th century.
- A recent national review of water fluoridation found no negative health effects and only a slight increase in dental fluorosis.
- Water fluoridation gives extra protection against tooth decay but a healthy diet, regular brushing and flossing and regular dental check-ups are all essential for good oral health.
- More than 150 major health organisations including the World Health Organization, the Australian Medical Association (AMA), and the Australian Dental Association (ADA) support water fluoridation.

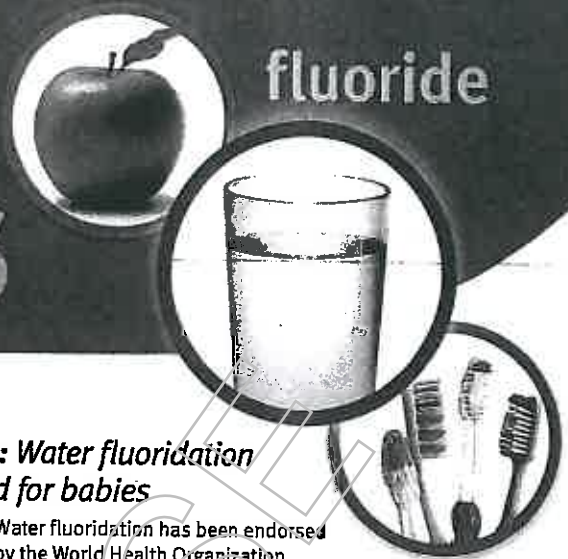


**Every person of every age
benefits from drinking fluoridated water
throughout their life. Children benefit as soon as
their teeth are formed and elderly people
keep their teeth for longer –
fluoride reduces their chances
of developing tooth decay.**

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common fluoride myths



Myth: Fluoride causes cancer

Fact Scientific studies from around the world have failed to demonstrate a link between water fluoridation and any type of cancer.

Fact Cancer rates in the rest of Australia (mostly fluoridated for decades) are no higher than in Queensland (largely non-fluoridated until 2008).

Myth: Fluoride causes allergies

Fact Fluoride is found naturally in most foods and water.

Fact Reviews by peak health bodies around the world show no connection between water fluoridation and allergies, hypersensitivity or other immunological effects.

Myth: Fluoride causes arthritis

Fact The incidence of arthritis is no different in fluoridated and non-fluoridated communities, and there has never been any evidence from doctors, let alone published studies, suggesting this.

Fact Arthritis Australia has endorsed water fluoridation, stating that "Arthritis Australia is in favour of water fluoridation. There is no reputable scientific evidence that water fluoridation causes or worsens symptoms of arthritis".

Myth: Water fluoridation is banned in Europe

Fact No country has banned water fluoridation.

Fact Many countries use salt fluoridation as an alternative.

Myth: Fluoride causes bone fractures

Fact All Australian capital cities (except Brisbane) have been fluoridated for decades and have not seen an increase in bone fractures or other ill effects. Water fluoridation has been endorsed by Osteoporosis Australia.

Myth: Water fluoridation is bad for babies

Fact Water fluoridation has been endorsed by the World Health Organization, Australian Medical Association and American Academy of Pediatrics, and poses no known health risks for babies and young children.

Myth: Infant formula contains high levels of fluoride when mixed with fluoridated water

Fact Recent Australian studies show no link between the use of infant formulas and dental fluorosis.

Fact Fluoridated water can be safely used to reconstitute infant formula.

Myth: Water fluoridation causes excessive dental fluorosis

Fact The only known side effect of optimal water fluoridation is a slight increase in dental fluorosis levels.

Fact Most fluorosis is barely detectable and does not damage the teeth, whereas tooth decay is painful, unsightly and expensive to repair.

Myth: Water fluoridation is mass medication

Fact The Department of Health does not consider the addition of fluoride to drinking water to be 'mass medication', but simply adjusting the level of a substance already found naturally in the water to provide a substantial public health benefit.

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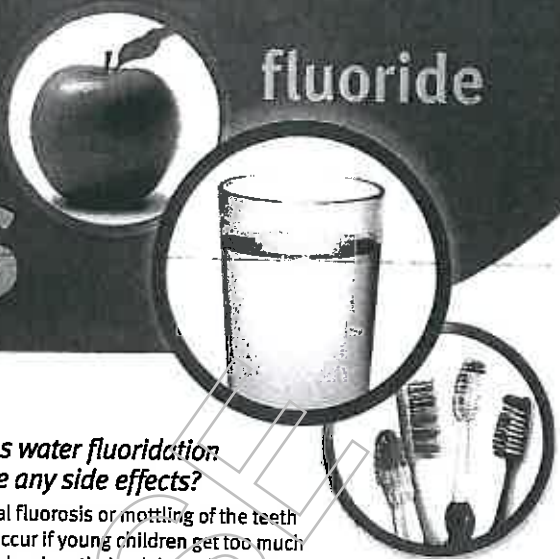
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Frequently asked questions



Q: What is fluoride?

A: Fluoride is a naturally occurring compound found in water, plants, rocks, soil, air and most foods.

Q: Why is fluoride added to the water?

A: While water supplies naturally contain some level of fluoride, there is not always sufficient fluoride to prevent tooth decay, especially when the water source comes from above the ground.

Q: What benefits could water fluoridation have for me and my family?

A: Water fluoridation helps to protect adults and children from tooth decay. It provides additional protection to fluoridated toothpaste. Preventing tooth decay can save your family the pain and discomfort of toothache and the expense required to treat the disease.

Q: Is water fluoridation poisonous?

A: No, water fluoridation is not poisonous. Anything can be dangerous at very high levels, but fluoride at less than one part per million is extremely safe.

Q: Does water fluoridation cause cancer or bone damage?

A: No, water fluoridation is not harmful, and numerous studies have found it does not cause cancer, osteoporosis, bone fractures or any other disease. Rates of any disease are no higher in fluoridated areas than in non fluoridated areas.

Q: Does water fluoridation cause allergic reactions?

A: No, water fluoridation has not been proven to cause any allergic reactions. Reviews by peak health bodies around the world have found no connection between water fluoridation and allergies, hypersensitivity or other immunological effects. Even sea water contains more fluoride than the levels in fluoridated water.

Q: Does water fluoridation affect the taste or smell of water?

A: No, fluoride does not affect the taste or smell of water.

Q: Does water fluoridation have any side effects?

A: Dental fluorosis or mottling of the teeth can occur if young children get too much fluoride when their adult teeth are forming. This condition affects only a small proportion of children and is associated with excess consumption of fluoride from all sources, especially toothpaste or fluoride supplements. Most fluorosis is mild and only detectable by a dentist.

Q: Is it possible for my family to drink too much fluoridated water?

A: Fluoridated water contains less than one part per million of fluoride. The level is set lower in Queensland than other areas of Australia because we need to drink more water due to our hotter climate. Because such a small amount of fluoride is used to top up natural levels, large amounts of water can be safely consumed.

Q: Is it fair to make everybody drink fluoridated water? Why don't people who want fluoride use fluoride supplements?

A: One of the advantages of water fluoridation is it allows all members of the community to benefit from the protective effects of fluoride, without cost or effort. Fluoride supplements do not provide the same benefit as water fluoridation.

Q: What if I really don't want it?

A: Those who choose not to benefit from water fluoridation can still choose other drinking water sources (e.g. bottled water, reverse osmosis filtered water).

Q: Will the Government be offering rebates for water filters?

A: The Government does not subsidise reverse osmosis water filters for those who choose not to access fluoridated water. Reverse osmosis systems are available from water filter retailers and selected hardware stores.

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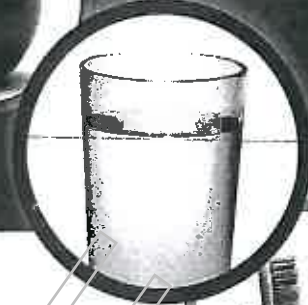
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5 Facts about water fluoridation



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Good oral hygiene + healthy eating + water fluoridation = good oral health.

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Adding a small amount of fluoride to the water system doesn't change the taste or smell of water and is a safe and effective way to protect against tooth decay.

3

Every other state and territory has enjoyed the benefits of water fluoridation for more than 30 years.

4

Drinking fluoridated water is good for people of all ages including young children, pregnant women and older people.

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Extensive scientific research confirms water fluoridation is not associated with any ill health effects.



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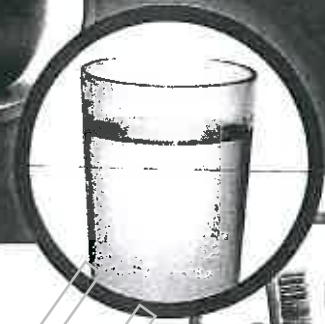
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10 MAR 2014

Dear Mayor Williams *Karen*

Thank you for your letter to the Honourable Mark McArdle MP, Minister for Energy and Water Supply, dated 7 January 2014, regarding Redland City Council water fluoridation, which has been referred to me for attention.

I very much appreciate you taking the time to share Redland City Council's views on water fluoridation. In progressing amendments to the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*, to provide local governments with the ability to determine if it is in the best interest of their communities to implement, continue or discontinue water fluoridation, the Government was responding to longstanding calls from local governments for greater autonomy. Though the legislative changes provide for greater autonomy for local governments, and reflects the Government's commitment to local decision making, a decision was made to continue to support water fluoridation as good public health policy.

Thank you again for bringing this matter to my attention. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Dr Greg Jackson, Director, Water Team, Health Service and Clinical Innovation, Department of Health, on telephone 3328 9345, to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Lawrence Springborg
LAWRENCE SPRINGBORG MP
Minister for Health

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

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- Acknowledgement Letter
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- Thank you & Noted Letter

Policy Advisor: Kate

RESPONSE:

Re-Issue: Min for Energy and water
Supply councillor Karen
Williams

- Minister
 - Dept Contact required
- Assistant Minister
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- Chief of Staff
 - Dept Contact required
- Hospital and Health Service
- Refer to Department for Direct Reply (Action Direct)
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20 January 2014

21 JAN 2014

The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP
Minister for Health
Member for Southern Downs
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Dear Minister *Lawrence*

Councillor Karen Williams wrote to me on 7 January 2014 regarding a resolution passed at the final Redland City Council meeting of 2013 in relation to the fluoridation of its water supplies.

As this matter falls within your portfolio responsibilities, I have advised Councillor Karen Williams that a copy of her correspondence has been forwarded to your office for consideration.

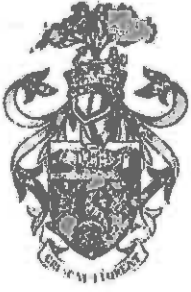
A copy of Councillor Karen Williams's correspondence is attached.

Yours sincerely

Andrew Cripps

Andrew Cripps MP
Acting Minister for Energy and Water Supply

Att 1: Correspondence from Councillor Karen Williams



From the Mayor's Office
Karen Williams
 Mayor of Redland City



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7 January 2014

The Hon Mark McArdle MP
 Minister for Energy and Water Supply
 Level 13
 Mineral House
 41 George St
 Brisbane QLD 4000

Dear Minister

I write to inform you and the Queensland Government of a resolution of Redland City Council, passed at Council's last meeting of 2013.

Council unanimously agreed that the responsibility for fluoridation of water supplies lay with the State and not local government. I have enclosed for your information a copy of the media statement issued by Council on the day of the decision.

We acknowledge that fluoridation was forced on councils by the former Labor Government, without consultation with local government and that the current Government inherited this legacy. However, we believe the current Government should have accepted responsibility for the issue rather than dumping the decision in the lap of councils and expecting us to pay to remove fluoride.

As councils do not control the water grid we are unable to even control our own water flows. Neighbouring council decisions also impact on Redland City and we are in many ways at the mercy of others. As you are well aware, the cost of a reverse osmosis plant is prohibitive to a council like Redland City.

Fluoridation of water supplies has always been – and remains – a health issue – and health is a State responsibility.

On this basis, Redland City Council believes the current Queensland Government should decide whether or not fluoride should stay and bear the cost of removing it should councils make that decision on behalf of their communities.

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The cost of removing fluoride is prohibitive to councils – an estimated \$32 million in Redland City's case – so we cannot afford to make the decision, even if our community tells us it does not want fluoride in our water.

It is an expense we are not willing to force on ratepayers.

Council resolved unanimously to write to the Government and ask it to amend legislation to protect councils from the high costs involved in removing fluoride from water supplies.

I respectfully urge you to lobby your ministerial colleagues to give local government the choice of accepting non-fluoridated water without cost to councils.

Yours sincerely



**Mayor Karen Williams
Redland City Council**

Copy to: The Hon Campbell Newman MP, Premier of Queensland
The Hon Tim Nicholls, Treasurer of Queensland
The Hon David Crisafulli, Minister for Local Government, Community Recovery and Resilience
Mr Peter Dowling MP, State Member for Redlands
Dr Mark Robinson MP, State Member for Cleveland
Mr Steve Davies MP, State Member for Capalaba

All Councillors, Redland City Council
Mr Bill Lyon, CEO, Redland City Council
Mr Gary Soutar, General Manager, Infrastructure and Operations, RCC

Enc: Media statement

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18 December 2013

Fluoride a State Government responsibility: Council

Redland City Council has passed the decision on fluoridation of the city's water supply back to the State Government.

Mayor Karen Williams said fluoridation was a health issue and as such was the responsibility of the State Government.

"Fluoridation was forced on councils by the former State Government and the current Government should have accepted responsibility for the issue rather than dumping it in the lap of councils and expecting us to pay to remove fluoride," Cr Williams said.

"Fluoridation of water supplies has always been – and remains – a health issue, and health is a State responsibility.

"The former Government mandated fluoride in our water without reference to councils so we believe the current Government should decide whether or not fluoride should stay and bear the cost of removing it should councils make that decision on behalf of their communities.

"The cost of removing fluoride is prohibitive to councils – an estimated \$32 million in Redland City's case – so we cannot afford to make the call, even if our community tells us it wants out of fluoride.

"This is an expense we are not willing to force on ratepayers."

Council today resolved unanimously to write to the Government and ask it to amend legislation to protect councils from the high costs involved in removing fluoride from water supplies.

"We will be asking Energy and Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle to give local government the choice of accepting non-fluoridated water without cost to councils," Cr Williams said.

"This is a controversial issue with arguments for and against."

Media information (not for publication):

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Ph: 3829 8624

Clare Mildren

From: Health
Sent: Monday, 14 May 2012 9:37 AM
To: Clare Mildren
Subject: FW: Media Release - Moratorium on water fluoridation expansion will save 15 million dollars

Importance: High

From: Queenslanders for Safe Water, Air and Food Inc. [mailto:info@qawf.org]
Sent: Saturday, 12 May 2012 10:55 PM
To: Health
Subject: Media Release - Moratorium on water fluoridation expansion will save 15 million dollars
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Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP
Queensland Minister for Health

12 May 2012

Dear Minister

Media Release : Moratorium on water fluoridation expansion will save 15 million dollars

Open letter to - Premier Campbell Newman, Treasurer Tim Nicholls, Health Minister Lawrence Springborg, Qld MPs, Media and members of the public.

An immediate Moratorium on expansion of water fluoridation would save the Queensland government at least 15 million dollars.

The Queensland government has massive debts.

On the 2nd May The Brisbane Times reported Premier Newman as saying ...

"The bottom line is Queensland is on a financial power dive into the Grand Canyon of financial disasters. This government is going to take all reasonable, necessary steps to pull us out of that."

Premier, within a few weeks, the new Bundaberg Regional Council will have to award a Tender to fluoridate the Council's water supplies. Bundaberg Council will have to expedite this so it can comply with the Dec 2012 deadline set by former Premier Bligh's mandatory fluoridation legislation.

Bundaberg Council has estimated that it will cost in the order of 10 million dollars to build its 11 fluoride dosing plants and an estimated million dollars every year for the ongoing costs. Bundaberg Regional Council serves an estimated population of just under 100,000 residents.

Mt Isa Water Board will also be fluoridating Mt Isa's water supply by Dec 31 this year and has asked the Qld Treasury for \$ 1.7 million to do this. Mt Isa has an estimated population of 22,000 residents.

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Attachments: 010857_Fluoridation.doc

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In a nutshell, we would recommend not changing the status quo. 4 councils have asked for exemption. Mark Wood is across the issue, if you need someone from here to give you a run-down.

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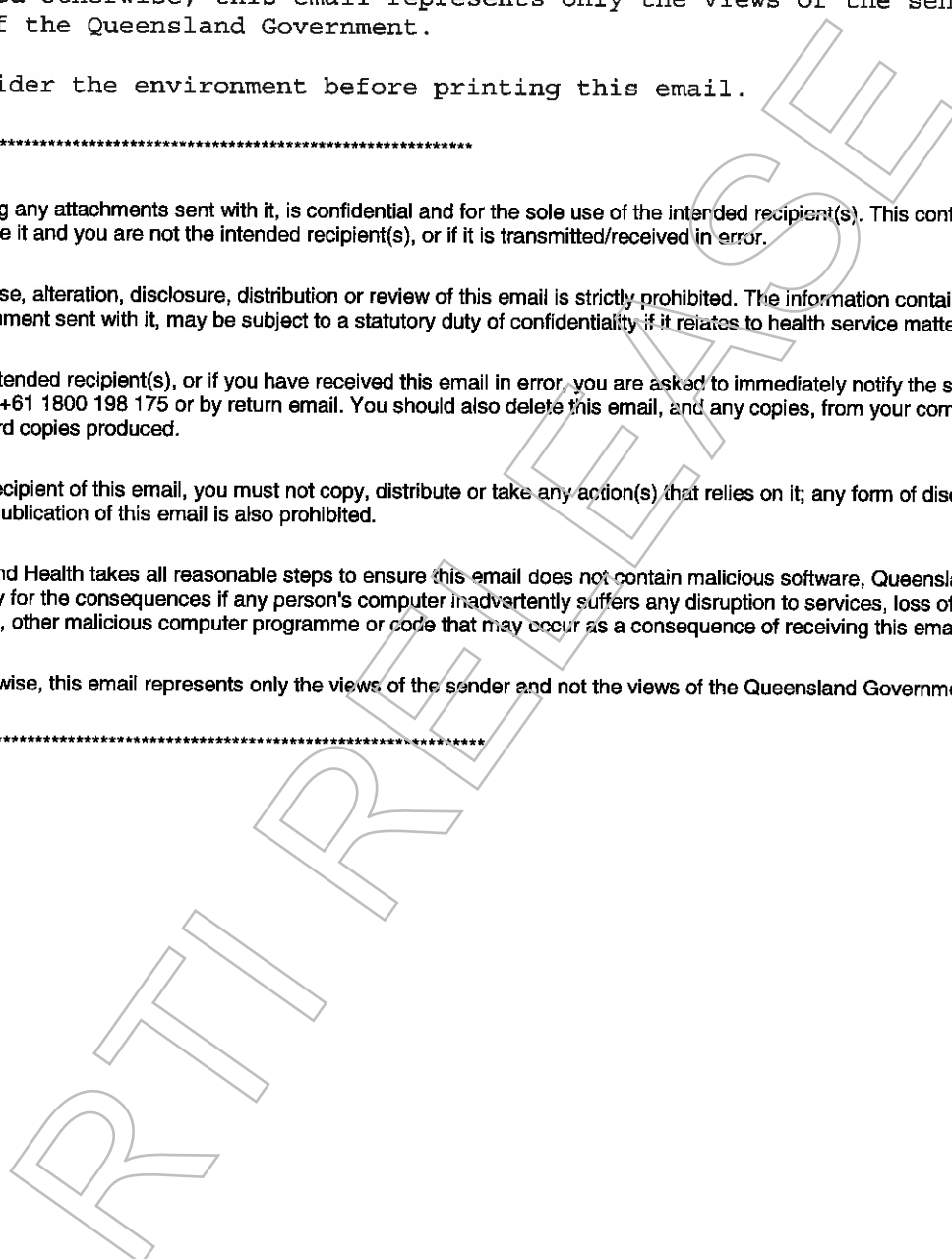
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Sent: Monday, 14 May 2012 11:17 AM
To: Clare Mildren; Neil Hamilton Smith
Cc: Dan Harradine; Naomi Ford
Subject: RES: FW: Media Release - Moratorium on water fluoridation expansion will save 15 million dollars

Hi Clare

Please note the information below on water fluoridation which was current as at March 2012. I have asked the Chief Health Office for advice specific to the query below and will forward once received.

Regards,
Helen

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Sent from my iPhone

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RTI RELEASE

Clare Mildren

From: Clare Mildren
Sent: Monday, 14 May 2012 1:40 PM
To: Lawrence Springborg
Subject: RE: FOR YOUR INFO - water flouridation

Minister

I can confirm that my Government does not propose to change existing legislation covering fluoridation. – Campbell Newman

I have a standard letter on this issue, but that is the guts of it...after much consideration, the gov. does not propose to change existing legislation.

Clare

- This is from premiers.

From: Lawrence Springborg
Sent: Monday, 14 May 2012 1:31 PM
To: Clare Mildren
Subject: Re: FOR YOUR INFO - water flouridation

Thanks Clare what is the Premier saying on this matter?

Sent from my iPhone

On 14/05/2012, at 12:40 PM, "Clare Mildren" <Clare.Mildren@ministerial.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Minister

Below is a media release from a safe water /air group. This group is a little extreme – could have potential to pop up in media. I have attached a brief (that is never brief) from the department.

In a nutshell, we would recommend not changing the status quo. 4 councils have asked for exemption.

Mark Wood is across the issue, if you need someone from here to give you a run-down.

Clare

Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP
Queensland Minister for Health

12 May 2012

Dear Minister

Media Release : Moratorium on water fluoridation expansion will save 15 million dollars

Open letter to - Premier Campbell Newman, Treasurer Tim Nicholls, Health Minister Lawrence Springborg, Qld MPs, Media and members of the public.

An immediate Moratorium on expansion of water fluoridation would save the Queensland government at least 15 million dollars.

The Queensland government has massive debts.

On the 2nd May The Brisbane Times reported Premier Newman as saying ...

"The bottom line is Queensland is on a financial power dive into the Grand Canyon of financial disasters. This government is going to take all reasonable, necessary steps to pull us out of that."

Premier, within a few weeks, the new Bundaberg Regional Council will have to award a Tender to fluoridate the Council's water supplies. Bundaberg Council will have to expedite this so it can comply with the Dec 2012 deadline set by former Premier Bligh's mandatory fluoridation legislation.

Bundaberg Council has estimated that it will cost in the order of 10 million dollars to build its 11 fluoride dosing plants and an estimated million dollars every year for the ongoing costs. Bundaberg Regional Council serves an estimated population of just under 100,000 residents.

Mt Isa Water Board will also be fluoridating Mt Isa's water supply by Dec 31 this year and has asked the Qld Treasury for \$ 1.7 million to do this. Mt Isa has an estimated population of 22,000 residents.

Other councils that will have to fluoridate their water supplies by end of December this year include - Balonne, Banana, Barcaldine, Burdekin, Cassowary, Carpentaria, Charters Towers, Cloncurry, Cook, Flinders, Isaac, Paroo, Roma, Winton and Toowoomba (completion)

In March 2008, Premier Bligh claimed in Parliament it was going to cost \$35 million dollars to fluoridate all of Queensland. A Freedom of Information search in April 2011 revealed that the costs of building Qld fluoridation plants up until then exceeded \$113 million.

Water fluoridation is not only forced mass medication, it is also extremely wasteful. Considerably less than 1% of fluoridated water is drunk by children - the target consumer.

Water fluoridation is also ineffective. The largest USA child dental health survey ever done showed only a minute difference in tooth decay between children who had lived all their lives in fluoridated compared to non-fluoridated communities. The difference was not clinically significant, nor shown to be statistically significant. (1)

The Australian study Premier Bligh used in an attempt to justify her decision to force fluoridation on Queenslanders was a 1996 comparison of children who had always lived in fluoridated Townsville, to children who had always lived in unfluoridated Brisbane. (2)

There are 128 tooth surfaces in an average child's mouth. The Townsville Brisbane study found an average difference of only 0.23 tooth surfaces less decay out of 128 tooth surfaces, when comparing the permanent teeth of Townsville children with a lifetime of drinking fluoridated water, to the permanent teeth of children who had never consumed fluoridated water.

The Townsville Brisbane study is just one study of many that indicates the in-effectiveness of fluoridation at reducing tooth decay in the teeth that children have for life.

Premier Newman, we ask that you immediately suspend expansion of the water fluoridation program. Premier Bligh's legislation entails costly, unethical mass medication and it is bad law.

In the coming months you will incrementally be provided with evidence why the water fluoridation program should be reviewed and Premier Bligh's legislation repealed.

Until that can happen, for now, we ask that the Queensland government not force any more councils to fluoridate.

Treasurer Tim Nicholls, it will not cost a cent to suspend expansion of the fluoridation program and it will not cost a cent to end fluoridation. It would be really easy to end water fluoridation and it would cost nothing to turn off the fluoride injector pumps.

Premier Newman, Health Minister Springborg and Treasurer Nicholls, suspending any further expansion of water fluoridation in Queensland is not only sensible; it would be a financially responsible action to take.

Dear Premier and Ministers - please consider this request urgently and advise.

Authorised by M Haines on behalf of Queenslanders For Safe Water, Air and Food Inc
Mob 0418 777112 www.qawf.org PO Box 149 Archerfield 4108

References

(1) Brunelle JA, Carlos JP Recent trends in Dental Caries and the Effect of Water Fluoridation - *Journal of Dental Research* Feb 1990 (Volume 69 Special issue p 723-727)

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Estimated resident populations sourced - Qld Govt OESR - <http://www.oesr.qld.gov.au/>

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Clare Mildren

From: Clare Mildren
Sent: Thursday, 21 February 2013 5:17 PM
To: Lawrence Springborg
Subject: Fwd: AAP: Qld council slammed for removing fluoride

FYI

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

QLD: Qld council slammed for removing fluoride

By Marty Silk

BRISBANE, Feb 21 AAP - The decision by another Queensland council to remove fluoride from its drinking water has been slammed by federal Health Minister Tania Plibersek.

Fraser Coast is the sixth council in Queensland to make the controversial decision.

Ms Plibersek has challenged Premier Campbell Newman to take control back from regional councils.

"This will mean people will have unnecessary fillings and extractions of teeth down the track," she told AAP.

She said if Mr Newman really did believe in the science behind fluoride, his actions in allowing local councils to decide the matter were bizarre.

"He's allowed councils to take this incredibly irresponsible action. He should act and show some leadership as premier."

In the past Mr Newman has said he "totally, unequivocally" supports fluoridation.

But some members of his Liberal National Party government clearly believe that fluoride is a health risk.

Government MP Jason Woodforth last week said he'd rather spend the rest of his life taking the banned performance-enhancing substance IGF-1 than drink fluoridated water.

Fraser Coast Mayor Gerard O'Connell criticised his council for voting on Wednesday to remove fluoride from the water, saying the issue should be decided by the state government.

He supports fluoridating water, citing the overwhelming amount of medical and scientific evidence that it's a safe and sustainable way to reduce tooth decay among the population.

"I voted not to cease fluoridation. I've been defeated," Mr O'Connell told AAP.

AAP bart/jlw

Headline: **QLD:Qld** council slammed for removing fluoride

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Water fluoridation status for public potable water suppliers in relation to the Water Fluoridation Act 2008

Water supplies currently being fluoridated

Cairns Regional Council

Frenchmans Creek WTP, Freshwater Creek Tunnel Hill WTP, Mossman WTP, Whyanbeel WTP

Carpentaria Shire Council

Normanton WTP

Central Highlands Regional Council

Blackwater WTP, Opal St WTP, Rubyvale – Sapphire WTP, Tieri WTP

Cook Shire Council

Annan River WTP

Gladstone Regional Council (Gladstone Area Water Board)

Gladstone WTP, Yarwun WTP

Goondiwindi Regional Council

Goondiwindi WTP

Gympie Regional Council

Gympie WTP, Tin Can Bay/Cooloola WTP

Isaac Regional Council

Moranbah WTP

Mackay Regional Council

Mt Blarney WTP, Nebo Road WTP, Northern Beaches WTP

North Burnett Regional Council

Gayndah WTP, Monto WTP, Mundubbera WTP

South East Queensland (Seqwater / Queensland Bulk Water Supply Authority)

Amity Point WTP, Banksia Beach WTP, Boonah/Kalbar WTP, Caboolture WTP, Canungra WTP, Capalaba WTP, Dayboro WTP, Dunwich WTP, Esk-Gatton-Laidley WTP, Esk WTP, Ewen Maddock WTP, Gold Coast Desalination Plant, Helen St WTP, Image Flat WTP, Kilcoy WTP, Kooralbyn WTP, Lake Macdonald WTP, Landers Shute WTP, Molendinar WTP, Mt Crosby Eastbank WTP, Mt Crosby Westbank WTP, Mudgeeraba WTP, North Pine WTP, North Stradbroke WTP, Petrie WTP, Point Lookout WTP, Woodford WTP

Rockhampton Regional Council

Glenmore WTP, Mount Morgan WTP, Woodbury WTP

South Burnett Regional Council

Blackbutt WTP, Gordonbrook WTP, Murgon WTP, Nanango WTP, Wondai WTP

Southern Downs Regional Council

Mt Marley WTP, Warwick WTP

Toowoomba Regional Council

Mt Kynoch WTP, Highfields WTP

Townsville City Council

Northern WTP, Mt Douglas

Western Downs Regional Council

Chinchilla WTP, Miles WTP, Dalby WTP

Fraser Coast Regional Council (Wide Bay Water Corporation)

Burgowan WTP, Howard WTP, Teddington WTP

Supplies servicing greater than 1000 people where fluoridation has not been implemented

Balonne Shire Council

St George Surface WTP

Banana Shire Council

Biloela WTP, Moura WTP

Barcaldine Regional Council

Acacia St Bore and Pomona St Bore

Blackall-Tambo Regional Council

Blackall WTP

Bundaberg Regional Council

Branyan WTP, Bundaberg Depot Bore, Dr Mays Road Bore, Gregory River WTP, Heaps Street Bore, Kalkie WTP, Lovers Walk Bore, Moore Park WTP, Peaty Street Bore, Powers Street Bore

Burdekin Shire Council

Council Chambers WTP, Home Hill Bore 9 and Home Hill Bore 10, Home Hill Water Tower, Nelsons Lagoon WTP, South Ayr WTP

Cairns Regional Council

Behana Creek WTP

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

Cardwell WTP, Jurs Creek WTP, Nyleta Creek WTP, South Mission WTP, Tully WTP

Charters Towers Regional Council

FEJ Butcher WTP

Cloncurry Shire Council

Cloncurry WTP

Flinders Shire Council

Hughenden Bores 4, 5, 7 & 9

Hinchinbrook Shire Council

Forrest Beach, WTP Halifax WTP, Ingham Depot WTP, Ingham Pumping Station WTP, Macknade WTP

Isaac Regional Council

Clermont WTP, Dysart WTP, Glenden WTP, Middlemount WTP

Longreach Regional Council

Longreach WTP

Mackay Regional Council

Marian WTP

Maranoa Regional Council

Roma Bores

Mt Isa City Council (Mount Isa Water Board)

Mount Isa WTP

Northern Peninsula Area Regional Council

Bamaga WTP (operated by Sunwater)

Weipa Town Authority (Rio Tinto Aluminium Limited)

Weipa WTP

Tablelands Regional Council

Atherton WTP, Mareeba WTP

Toowoomba Regional Council

Clifton WTP, Crows Nest WTP, Hodgson Vale WTP, Millmerran WTP, Wyreema WTP, Pittsworth-Brookstead WTP

Whitsunday Regional Council

Airlie/Cannonvale Beaches WTP, Bowen Bores, Collinsville WTP

Supplies with fluoride dosing infrastructure in place but not fluoridating

Cherbourg Aboriginal Shire Council

Cherbourg WTP

Doomadgee Aboriginal Shire Council

Doomadgee WTP

Palm Island Aboriginal Shire Council

Palm Island WTP

Torres Shire Council

Thursday / Horn / Hammond Islands WTP

Yarrabah Aboriginal Shire Council

Yarrabah WTP

Supplies for which exemptions have been granted

Kowanyama Aboriginal Shire Council

Kowanyama Nominal WTP

Murweh Shire Council

Charleville Bores

Paroo Shire Council

Cunnamulla WTP

Supplies where there has been significant progress towards commencing fluoridation, but fluoridation has not yet begun

Aurukun Shire Council

Aurukun WTP

Cassowary Coast Regional Council

Innisfail WTP

Tablelands Regional Council

Kuranda WTP, Malanda WTP

Whitsunday Regional Council

Proserpine River to Bowen WTP, Proserpine WTP

Supply that was fluoridated before 2008 Act commenced, that subsequently ceased to fluoridate and was planned to be added to the Schedule for fluoridation.

Department of Local Government

Bamaga WTP

Seawater water treatment plants - servicing more than 1000 people - and their relationship to the Water Grid

The following water treatment plants are *not* connected to the Water Grid (also known as 'stand alone' water treatment plants)

Amity Point, Boonah / Kalbar, Canungra, Dayboro, Dunwich, Esk-Gatton-Laidley (otherwise known as Lowood), Esk, Helen St (Beaudesert), Kilcoy, Kooralbyn, Point Lookout.

The following water treatment plants *are* connected to the Water Grid or influenced by the Water Grid

Note: the locations of these WTPs are provided in parenthesis where it is not evident from the name of the WTP.

Banksia Beach (Bribie Island), Caboolture, Capalaba, Ewen Maddock (Glenview, Sunshine Coast), Image Flat (Nambour), Lake MacDonald (Noosa), Landers Shute (Palmwoods, Sunshine Coast), Molendinar (Nerang), Mt Crosby Eastbank, Mt Crosby Westbank, Mudgeeraba, North Pine (Joyner), North Stradbroke Island, Petrie, Woodford, Gold Coast Desalination Plant.

RTI RELEASE

To: Moreton; Yvonne Rudolphy; Yvonne Vickers; Marianne Zangari; Zuleika Henderson; Andrew Bibb; Clare Mildren; Charles Ware (Business); matt stevenson
Subject: Media clips 17 March 2013
Attachments: media report 130317.pdf

Happy St Patrick's Day!

Treat alcoholics as sick people
- Agenda(Sunday Mail Brisbane)
- 17/03/13, Page 45
- By: Terry Sweetman
- Type: Columnist, Photo: Yes

AN alcoholic is one suffering from alcoholism. Alcoholism, in turn, is defined as a disease.

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Keywords: indigenous(1),islanders(1),Medical(2)

Hospital mistakes have a high price
- General News(Sunday Mail Brisbane)
- 17/03/13, Page 9
- By: Alison Sandy
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

TAXPAYERS have been forced to fork out hundreds of thousands of dollars after blunders at Queensland public hospitals left a baby severely brain damaged, a woman unaware she was dying of breast cancer, and a patient without an unnecessarily amputated leg, new reports show. More than 500 lawsuits were lodged against Queensland Health between July 1, 2010, and December 31, 2012, but fewer than a third were finalised and just nine reached settlements, according to documents obtained by The Sunday Mail under Right to Information laws. The failure to detect a woman's breast cancer resulted in the largest payout, of \$610,000.

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ASR: AUD 8,232

Keywords: Lawrence(1),Minister(1),Springborg(1)

HIV man charged over sex with woman
- General News(Sunday Mail Brisbane)
- 17/03/13, Page 38

- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

A man has been charged after he had unprotected sex with a woman while knowingly infected with HIV last year. Police, who only learnt of the incident after the complainant became seriously ill, said it was possible there were other victims.

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Keywords: HIV(2)

FAMILY BATTLE CANCER

- General News(Sunday Mail Brisbane)
- 17/03/13, Page 14
- By: Janelle Miles
- Type: Columnist, Photo: Yes

GRACE Parker is yet to finish primary school and she has lung cancer. The Queensland schoolgirl was only 10 when she was diagnosed with a type of cancer so rare in children her paediatric oncologist has never seen another case.

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Keywords: Children(3),Hospital(1),PRINCE CHARLES HOSPITAL(2),Royal(1)

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EXCLUSIVE Patients benefit in jobs reshuffle HEALTH CHIEF'S RESPONSE

- General News(Weekend Post)
- 16/03/13, Page 5
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

THE Far North's health boss has told how every effort was made to save jobs during a restructure that will ultimately lead to more efficient treatment of patients. In the most in-depth explanation of the region's health system overhaul to date, chief executive officer Julie Hartley-Jones told The Weekend Post that minimising the number of redundancies had been a priority in the five-month process of reviewing services and finding savings.

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Keywords: Cairns(8),emergency department(3),hospital(11),Queensland(1)

The flick of a switch marks turning point for our city Overdose fears as council cuts off fluoride Families turn to self-medication, but experts warn it's easy to get it wrong

- General News(Weekend Post)

- 16/03/13, Page 7

- By: None

- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

THE simple flick of a switch has put a stop to three years of water fluoridation in Cairns. Cairns Regional Council decided to cease water fluoridation in January without public consultation after 10 out of 11 councillors voted to ditch the chemical.

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ASR: AUD 5,704

Keywords: effects(1),fluoridation(7),fluoride(14),health(3),water(7)

Mother of lost son is 'inspiring'

- General News(Weekend Post)

- 16/03/13, Page 21

- By: None

- Type: News Item, Photo: No

RUTH Crouch reckons she sometimes feels like a bit of a fraud. Just over two years ago her son Declan took his own life and since then she has campaigned avidly in support of mental health facilities and support.

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Circulation: 37,272

ASR: AUD 1,067

Keywords: Lawrence(1),Minister(1),Springborg(1)

Vacant hospital may be sold off

- General News(Weekend Gold Coast Bulletin)

- 16/03/13, Page 2

- By: Shannon Willoughby
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

THE Gold Coast Hospital site may be put to an Expressions of Interest campaign with data revealing it would be cheaper to rebuild than refurbish the ageing tower. The Bulletin understands the State Government is considering putting the site to the market as part of a sell-down of public assets.

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ASR: AUD 1,251

Keywords: Gold Coast(5),Hospital(4),University(1)

The cost of fluoride

- Letters(Townsville Bulletin)
- 16/03/13, Page 48
- By: None
- Type: Letter, Photo: No

WHEN the Townsville City Council look at any proposal, the bottom line is always the cost but when I, as a ratepayer, asked Mayor Jenny Hill how much fluoridation of the water supply was costing us she was unable or unwilling to tell me. If Cairns is saving \$300,000 a year by not fluoridating its water supply, I can only guesstimate Townsville must be paying \$500,000 a year alone for the fluoride powder being dumped into our water supply.

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Circulation: 36,709
ASR: AUD 478

Keywords: doctor(1),fluoridated(3),fluoridating(1),fluoridation(4),fluoride(6),Health(2),water(9)

Filling the dental gaps

- Advertising feature(Weekend Australian)
- 16/03/13, Page 47
- By: Oryana Angel
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

WITH the number of dentists increasing exponentially in the last few years, the Australian Dental Association has concerns we are fast-approaching an oversupply of dentists.

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Circulation: 266,696
ASR: AUD 12,855

Keywords: ADA(2),Australian Dental Association(2)

Maternity services

- General News(Gladstone Observer)
- 16/03/13, Page 7
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

THE Health Minister Lawrence Springborg said at a Rural Birth Summit yesterday that he would like to improve maternity services in Central Queensland, however would not commit to new facilities.

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Circulation: 8,262

ASR: AUD 65

Keywords: Lawrence(1),Minister(2),Springborg(1)

Springborg's bard to find sometimes

- Letters(Queensland Times)
- 16/03/13, Page 17
- By: None
- Type: Letter, Photo: No

I WAS pleased to see the Minister for Health Cuts and Closures, Lawrence Springborg, praising Ipswich Hospital staff instead of sacking or attacking them as he has done since taking office (Ipswich Hospital a state "model", QT 14/3).

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Circulation: 11,809

ASR: AUD 647

Keywords: Lawrence(1),Minister(2),Springborg(5)

Residents deny drinking of poison chalice Dam's toxic drop being blamed for arsenic sickness

- General News(Weekend Post)
- 16/03/13, Page 22
- By: Tony Stickley
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

ONE man's drink is another man's poison, but for Irvinebank residents they could be one and the same. Today, Water Supply Minister Mark McArdle will visit the former tin mining township to discuss the future of the Ibis Dam after his decision to shut off water to homes in the district, and truck in water instead a move that has caused near revolt among the 123 residents.

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Keywords:

contaminated(2),cooking(1),Council(2),drink(4),drinking(8),minister(3),Resident(1),residents(7),town(2),township(1),Water(13)

Govts steer clear of fluoride blame

- Letters(Gladstone Observer)

- 16/03/13, Page 8

- By: Ken Nicholson

- Type: Letter, Photo: Yes

I SINCERELY hope Gladstone Regional Council carries Out meaningful research before it decides on whether to continue the fluoridation of our water supply. Very little research is required to show the following: 1. Fluoride is a poison. It is more toxic than lead and only slightly less toxic than arsenic.

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Circulation: 8,262

ASR: AUD 390

Keywords: fluoridate(2),fluoridated(6),fluoridation(2),fluoride(7),health(3),water(9)

TB superbug kills woman

- General News(Townsville Bulletin)

- 16/03/13, Page 2

- By: None

- Type: News Item, Photo: No

A YOUNG woman has died in Cairns after contracting a drugresistant strain of tuberculosis. The Papua New Guinea woman is the first person in Australia to die from the superbug XDR-TB (extensively drug-resistant tuberculosis).

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ASR: AUD 89

Keywords: TB(3),tuberculosis(2)

Fluoride is force-feeding

- Letters(Fraser Coast Chronicle)

- 16/03/13, Page 20
- By: HEATHER SANTI
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

HAVE to say that some people writing letters to the editor about this fluoride issue are missing the point, even if fluoride was the holy grail of health, that doesn't alter the fact that by adding any substance to community water for all to use, young and old

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Keywords: affected(1),Fluoride(4),health(2),water(2)

Doctor warns of flu danger

- General News(Sunshine Coast Daily)
- 16/03/13, Page 5
- By: Bianca Clare
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

A SUNSHINE Coast general practitioner has warned a worldwide flu pandemic is looming and is urging residents to be vaccinated. Australian Medical Association Queensland North Coast area representative Wayne Herdy said because flu pandemics tended to occur in cycles, and a major one had not surfaced in many years, experts believed we were due.

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Keywords: Association(1),Australian(1),Medical(3),Queensland(2)

Caloundra Hospital reduces emergency waiting times

- General News(Sunshine Coast Daily)
- 16/03/13, Page 24
- By: Nicole Fljce
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

CALOUNDRA Hospital emergency department has recorded its shortest waiting times with almost 90% of patients treated within four hours. In February, 89% of patients presenting to the emergency department were treated within four hours, trumping the previous record of 85% set in January.

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ASR: AUD 1,416

Keywords: Caloundra Hospital(3),hospital(4),Nambour(1),Sunshine Coast(1)

Keep watch for eye disease
- General News(Sunshine Coast Daily)
- 16/03/13, Page 24
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

GLAUCOMA causes irreversible blindness, often undetected until it's too late. That is why it's so more important to know the facts this World Glaucoma Week.

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Keywords: Caloundra Hospital(1)

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- Seven Cairns (15/03/13)
- Seven Local News - 15/03/2013 6:13 PM
- Rob Brough and Joanne Desmond
- Station Phone 07 4044 0777

Fluoride is being phased out of the Cairns water supply as councillors voted to remove it from drinking water earlier this year. It was first added to the system in 2009 and will save ratepayers \$300,000 a year. Innisfail residents will be asked if they want fluoride in their water supply in a telephone survey starting this month.

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ASR: AUD 381

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Hospital praised as emergency waiting times cut

- General News(Ipswich Advertiser)
- 06/03/13, Page 14
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

IPSWICH MP Ian Berry has congratulated the staff and board of the West Moreton Health and Hospital Service on vast improvements in emergency department waiting times. Mr Berry said the number of patients whose length of stay in a local hospital emergency department was four hours or less had increased from 61% to 82% by the end of 2012.

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Circulation: 34,394

ASR: AUD 659

Keywords: health(3),Hospital(3),IPSWICH(1),Moreton(1),Service(1),services(1),West(1)

Study helps manage mossies

- General News(Ipswich Advertiser)
- 06/03/13, Page 10
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

A STUDY of mosquitos in the Marburg, Walloon, Thagoona and Rosewood areas in March will lead to improved management of the pests. This study is part of an annual program conducted in partnership with Queensland Health.

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ASR: AUD 72

Keywords: breeding(1),management(1),mosquitoes(1),mossies(1)

After-hours GP service winds up

- General News(Townsville Sun)
- 06/03/13, Page 5
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

AFTER more than 13 years providing the Townsville community with access to a doctor outside of normal business hours, the Afterhours+GP service has now closed. Afterhours+GP Chair Dr Chris Daniel said the decision to cease services at the Medi-Link Centre near the Townsville Hospital had been driven by a drop in demand.

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Keywords: community(3),Hospital(1),the Townsville Hospital(1),Townsville(3)

Sick children need parents' input

- General News(Townsville Sun)
- 06/03/13, Page 5
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

PARENTS of sick or injured children are being encouraged to be more involved in their child's care. The Association for the Wellbeing of Children in Health Care for North Queensland is a joint initiative between James Cook University and The Townsville Hospital and Health Service.

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Keywords: hospital(2),The Townsville Hospital(2)

FLUORIDE DEBATE DATES SET

- General News(Whitsunday Guardian)
- 06/03/13, Page 1
- By: Nat Bromhead
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

The dates have been set for two public meetings to discuss the contentions issue of adding fluo to the Whitsundays' water supply. Public information sessions hosted by Council and led by dental specialists from Queensland Health will address concerned locals at the Pteropine Entertainment Centre from 6pm on Tuesday March 19.

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Circulation: 2,283
ASR: AUD 196

Keywords: Health(4),Queensland(2)

The Editor

- Letters(Whitsunday Guardian)
- 06/03/13, Page 8
- By: Graham Wyatt
- Type: Letter, Photo: No

After years of Queensland being the dental caries of Australia the Bligh government realizing the importance of dental health and acting on technically informed advice

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Keywords: effects(1),fluoridation(1),fluoride(2),Health(5),water(1)

Fluoride to stay in water supply

- General News(Jimboomba Times)

- 06/03/13, Page 1

- By: Carmen McIntosh

- Type: News Item, Photo: Yes

FLUORIDE will stay in Logan's water supply after council decided it was not prepared to cover any costs to remove it. Late last year, the State Government gave councils with populations greater than 10,000 the power to choose whether to treat their water supplies with fluoridation.

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Keywords: fluoridate(1),fluoridated(2),fluoridation(3),FLUORIDE(8),health(1),Water(16),watersupply(1)

Bat facts

- General News(Pittsworth Sentinel)

- 06/03/13, Page 12

- By: Alastair Silcock

- Type: News Item, Photo: No

Problems associated with the flying fox colony on the northern side of Pittsworth do not have a simple solution. Short Street resident Joan Coutts, whose backyard the bats have chosen, said people don't understand flying foxes can't be moved without official permission.

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Keywords: bat(2),Bats(4),disease(1),Health(3),Hendra(3),Queensland(4),virus(3)

- No fluoride for districts
- General News(Pittsworth Sentinel)
- 06/03/13, Page 13
- By: None
- Type: News Item, Photo: No

At their February meeting, Toowoomba Regional councillors voted against adding fluoride to town water supplies, except at the Mt Kynoch treatment plant. Previously the council had planned to add fluoride to all supplies, including Pittsworth, Millmerran, Clifton, Crows Nest, Hodgson Vale and Wyreema, as required by the state government.

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Cc: Cathie Schnitzerling
Subject: FYI: CYHHS Letter to Editor Cooktown news re fluoride 130926
Attachments: CYHHS Letter to Editor Cooktown news re fluoride 130926.doc

Hi Cameron and Clare,

Just an FYI: The Med Super at Cooktown Hospital will be submitting the attached letter to the Editor in support of fluoridation.

Arguments in the letter are all those the department and CHO have used in the past.

Quite a debate going on up there.

Regards, Jim

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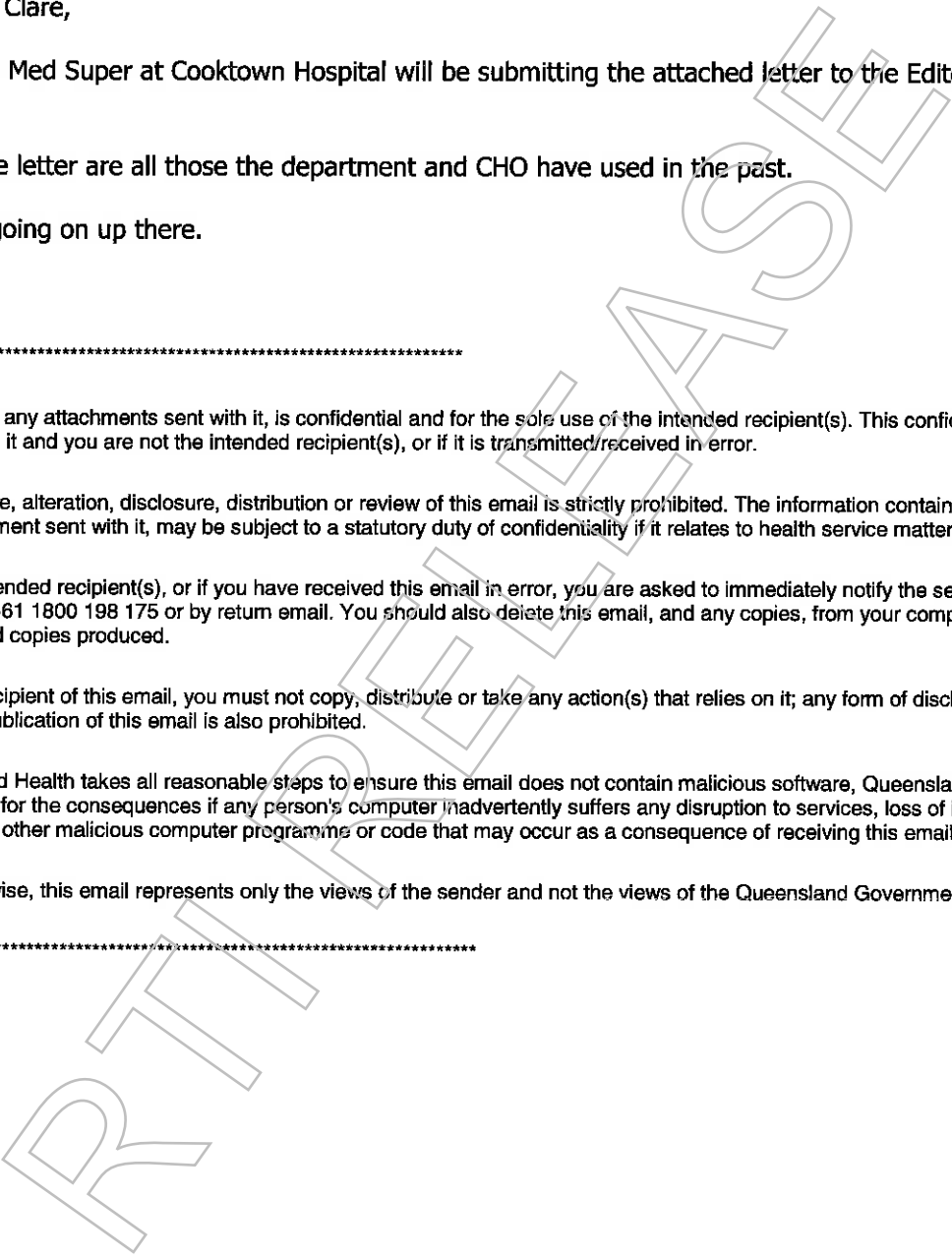
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Xx September 2013

Letter to the Editor

Stare down fluoride disinformation

Dear Editor

If we prevent one permanent tooth cavity in a school child, we don't just prevent one filling. We may prevent a whole lifetime of treatment on that tooth.

The 2002 Australian Child Dental Health Survey examined more than 136,000 children across Australia and found that children who drank fluoridated water had significantly less tooth decay than children who didn't.

Fluoridation is one of the few public health measures that not only improves health, but also saves a significant amount of money.

It is the most effective, cheapest and safest way of delivering the benefits of fluoride to the community.

I urge Cooktown residents to look at both sides of the fluoride debate. The entire conspiracy notion is not based on fact.

There is a big difference in expenditure on oral health between a community that has good dental health as a result of fluoridated water, and a community that relies solely on trips to the dentist to maintain a level of dental health because they don't have fluoridated water.

Every respected Australian and international health organisation agrees: ideal fluoride levels in water are very safe, low cost and highly effective.

Most experts agree that fluoridation will result in a 20–40 per cent reduction in decay experience and this reduction is above and beyond the reduction achieved by using fluoride toothpaste alone.

There is a mountain of high-quality research evidence for this.

Fluoride reduces tooth decay – young or old, rich or poor, by contact and also by swallowing, regardless of diet.

The World Health Organisation has said that access to fluoride for dental health is a part of the basic human right to life.



The usual claims by the anti-fluoride lobby can be debunked with common sense and basic chemistry:

- Fluoride is a mineral, not a 'waste product', and highly purified from various natural sources.
- *Fluoride ions* dissociate freely in water regardless of the carrier mineral (sodium, silicate, calcium, etc.), so the carrier is immaterial.
- Referring to completely different chemical compounds containing *fluorine atoms* (as well as carbon, oxygen, hydrogen, phosphorus, etc) is entirely irrelevant to the debate.
- Fluoride captured in teeth or bone slowly turns over and the remainder is excreted (it does not continually accumulate).
- Some advanced countries supplement fluoride in table salt, where multiple water sources make water fluoridation impractical.
- Australia also supplements iodine in salt, vitamins A and D in margarine, and calcium, iron, thiamine and niacin in flour. Of course we also sanitise drinking water by adding chlorine.
- Every major city in Australia has adjusted fluoride levels in water.
- Anti-fluoride websites sell conventional water filters (which do not work because fluoride is dissolved).
- Fluoride does not damage the environment (there is even more fluoride in seawater).
- Fluoridating water simply tops-up the levels of naturally occurring fluoride in the water to strengthen teeth against tooth decay.

Those who suggest people should take fluoride tablets instead don't often realise that fluoride tablets are not as effective as fluoridated water and may increase the risk of dental fluorosis because there aren't stringent controls around the amount ingested.

Health experts are fed up with anti-fluoride claims based on outdated information, questionable research and biased opinions.

Water fluoridation has been practised around the world for more than 60 years and has been endorsed by the Australian Medical Association, World Health Organisation and American Academy of Paediatrics, and poses no known health risks to babies and young children.

Cooktown residents deserve a lifetime of healthy teeth.

Dr Natasha Coventry
Medical Superintendent
Cooktown Multi-Purpose Health Service
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Andrew Bibb

From: Andrea Grant <Andrea_Grant@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 4 December 2012 1:42 PM
To: Lisa Pritchard; Andrew Bibb; Cameron Thompson; Clare Mildren
Subject: Fwd: Fluoride doses

Just FYI....we have just received this inquiry. am chasing up the details

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>>> "Helbig, Koren" <koren.helbig@news.com.au> 12/4/2012 1:29 pm >>>
Good afternoon,

I'm looking at the fluoride dosage levels in Queensland drinking supplies. I understand Queensland Health used to compile (and hopefully still does) quarterly reports on the concentrations and whether or not correct dosages were being doled out. Is this reporting still ongoing? If so, may I have a copy of any reports prepared this year?

Please get back to me by tomorrow morning.

Regards,

Koren Helbig | State Political Reporter

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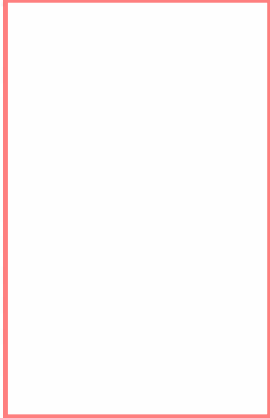
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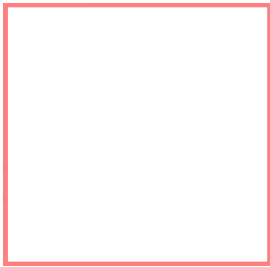
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Hi Colleen,

We have standard response on:



fluoride



Thanks
Simone

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>>> Colleen Miller <Colleen.Miller@ministerial.qld.gov.au> 12/7/2012 9:39 am >>>

Hello:

As I discussed with you earlier... could you please send me a list of the topics/issues of the standard response letters that we are using.

Thanks so much! Sorry about my confusion!

Cheers

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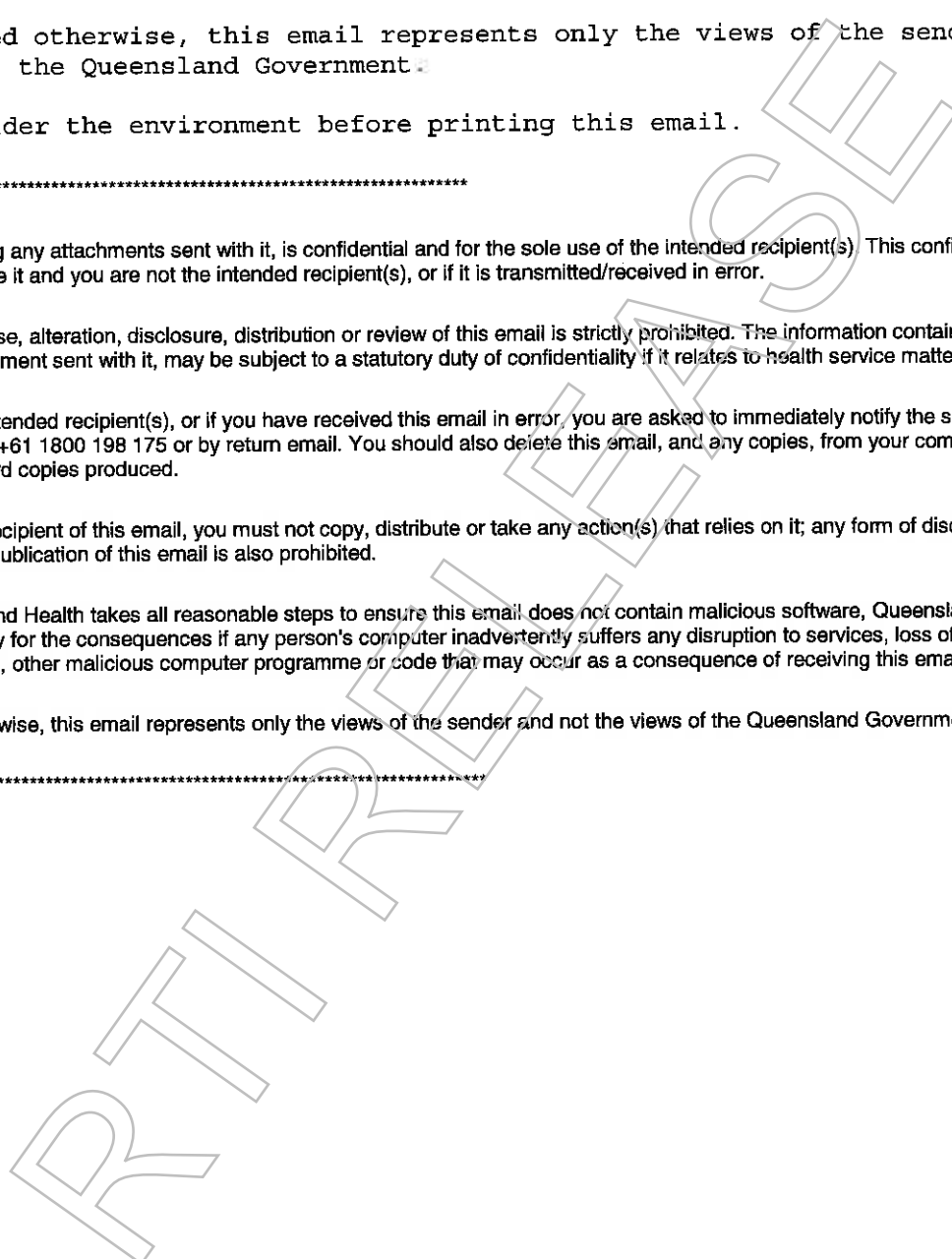
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Andrew Bibb

From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Friday, 7 December 2012 1:59 PM
To: Keppel
Subject: RE: name of the legislation on fluoride

Hi,

It was Minister McArdle's Bill. It will be quicker to shoot them a quick email

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From: Paul Leven
Sent: Friday, 7 December 2012 3:55 PM
To: Peter Walsh; Kate Johnson; Jake Smith; Andrew Bibb
Subject: Fluoride story

<http://www.couriermail.com.au/questnews/moreton/moreton-bay-regional-council-calls-for-report-into-ditching-fluoride-from-water-supply/story-fn8m0yu3-1226531544802>

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From: Neil Hamilton Smith
Sent: Wednesday, 12 December 2012 7:19 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: FW: Updated Standard Letters - Fluoride Correspondence
Attachments: Standard response - Fluoride - members of public that write in anti fluoride and not aware of legislation.doc; Standard response - Fluoride - members of the public against the change in policy (pro-fluoride).doc; Standard response - Fluoride - members of the public who support the change in policy.doc

Importance: High

For comment please

Neil

From: Sdlo [<mailto:SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 11 December 2012 9:19 AM
To: Neil Hamilton Smith
Cc: Lisa Pritchard
Subject: Updated Standard Letters - Fluoride Correspondence
Importance: High

Hi Neil,

Please see the attached three standard letters that have been prepared regarding fluoride:

1. Response to address members of the public that write in anti fluoride and are not aware of the legislative change that has taken place.
2. Response to members of the public who support the change in policy.
3. Response to members of the public against the change in policy (pro-fluoride).

Can you please approve these or provide us with feedback/changes so that we can progress the fluoride correspondence?

Thank you,
Jess.

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Thank you for your letter/email dated XXXXXX, supporting the recent amendments to the Water Fluoridation Act 2008.

As you have noted, these amendments remove the mandatory requirement to fluoridate all relevant water supplies and allow Local Governments to determine if it is in the best interests of their communities to implement, or continue, fluoridation. This change reflects our philosophical commitment to local decision making.

Despite the removal of this mandatory obligation, I can advise that the Government continues to advocate for the inclusion of fluoride in drinking water. Fluoridation has been proven as a safe and effective means of preventing tooth decay, particularly in children, and is supported by key expert health authorities, including the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Dental Association, the Australian Medical Association and the World Health Organization.

Thank you again for indicating your support. I trust this clarifies the Government's position on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Dear title last name

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Thank you again for bringing this to my attention, and I trust this clarifies the Government's position on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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Sent: Friday, 11 January 2013 3:20 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: Standard Fluoride wording
Attachments: Fluoride standard wording.doc

Importance: High

Hi Andrew,

Please find attached the standard wording for fluoride. The three different response wording is included in the word document attached - support and against change, and anti fluoride.

Many thanks
Simone

Simone Ryder
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Fluoride standard wording

Support change

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Anti fluoride

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To: Craig Brown; dan harradine; Katie May; Andrew Bibb; Cameron Thompson; Clare Mildren
Subject: fluoride release
Attachments: QH fluoride is good CHO 130114.doc

Hi Clare

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Thanks
Andrea

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15 January 2013

Fluoride essential for dental health according to Chief Health Officer

Implementing fluoridisation in water is the most important way local governments can improve the dental health of their communities, according to Queensland's Chief Health Officer Dr Jeannette Young.

The Department of Health has written to every local government in Queensland, offering to meet and discuss the health benefits of fluoridation. Several local governments have taken up the offer and Dr Young is hopeful others will follow.

Recent changes to Queensland's legislation means local governments now have the decision-making power to determine if it is in the best interests of their communities to implement, continue or cease water fluoridation.

Dr Young said World Health Organisation studies showed adding fluoride to water supplies was a safe and effective way of reducing tooth decay.

She said fluoride was not harmful to people's health, despite the widespread scaremongering on the issue.

"In the small amounts that are used in water supplies, fluoride is not harmful," Dr Young said.

"There is no evidence to show fluoride, in the amounts used in water supplies, has any detrimental health effects.

"In fact, studies have shown that people with good dental health have better overall health.

"Townsville has been using fluoride in its water supplies since 1964 and it has not resulted in any health problems there.

"There is no reliable evidence of any adverse health effects to communities which have already implemented fluoride in their water supplies."

Queensland's Chief Dental Officer Dr Rhys Thomas said fluoride was proven to strengthen teeth and prevent tooth decay.

"Ultimately it is up to local authorities to implement and continue fluoridation. But we hope that they are making decisions armed with all the facts," Dr Thomas said.

"Studies have shown that the use of fluoride benefits everyone regardless of their age or access to dental care.

"Australian Child Dental Health surveys consistently show that Queensland children have levels of tooth decay well above the national average.

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“The use of fluoride is one way of turning this around.”

For further facts of fluoride go to http://www.health.qld.gov.au/oralhealth/water_fluoridation/default.asp
or <http://www.ada.org.au/OralHealth/FLN/fluoridation.aspx>

Media interviews can be arranged with Dr Young by calling 3234 1429 or XXXX of the Australian Dental Association Queensland.

Media contact: 3234 1439

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Written by:

Date: 26 October 2012

Authorised by: Dr Jeannette Young, A/DDG, HSCI Division

Date: 9 January 2013

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Can you advise if claims by Moreton Bay Regional Council (MBRC) in this news article are true?

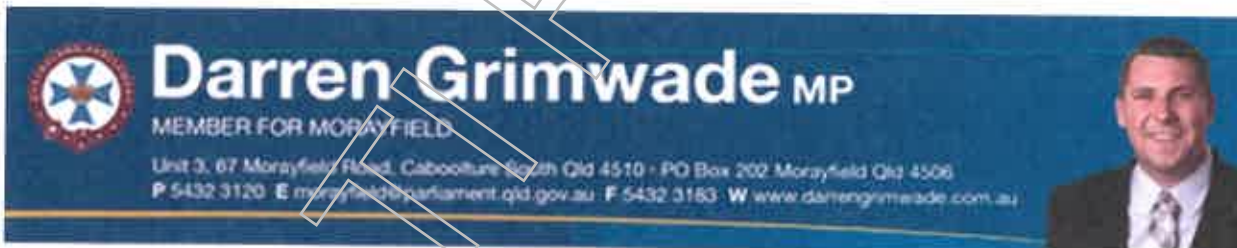
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Kind regards,

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Sent: Tuesday, 15 January 2013 7:58 AM
To: Ipswich West
Cc: Andrew Bibb
Subject: RE: Removal of fluoride from drinking water and food processing.
Attachments: AdminArrangementsNumber4_2012.pdf

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Kind regards,

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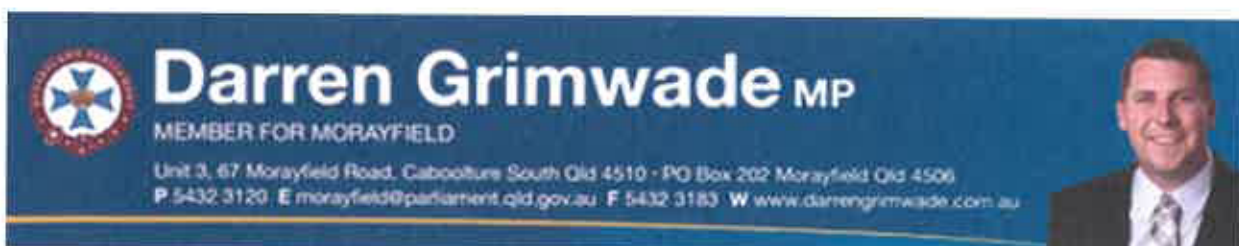
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Andrew Bibb

From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Tuesday, 15 January 2013 4:26 PM
To: Health
Subject: FW: Removal of fluoride from drinking water and food processing.

Andrew Bibb | Senior Policy Advisor/Electorate Liaison
Office of the Minister for Health
The Hon Lawrence Springborg, MP
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From: IpswichWest Electorate Office [<mailto:Ipswich.West@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 January 2013 11:05 AM
To: Danielle Keys
Cc: Andrew Bibb
Subject: RE: Removal of fluoride from drinking water and food processing.

That's great – I'm sure Bibby will be able to provide me with what I need to satisfy this fellow.

Once I have some information I will direct him to Council.

Regards

Sean



From: Danielle Keys [<mailto:Danielle.Keys@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 15 January 2013 7:58 AM
To: IpswichWest Electorate Office
Cc: Andrew Bibb
Subject: RE: Removal of fluoride from drinking water and food processing.

Dear Mr Choat MP

Thank you for your email.

The issue of Water Fluoridation is under the portfolio for the Minister for Health (*Water Fluoridation Act 2008*) and its implementation is done by the Department of Development, State Infrastructure and Planning. There are, of course, some logical links between the Energy and Water Supply portfolio but the kind of information you require would lie within the Health Department. The recent changes to empower councils in relation to fluoride was done in legislation that involved three combined portfolios – I recall lending my Parliament office to some really lovely Health Department staff as that part of the legislation was going through.

I have copied this email to Andrew Bibb who is the Backbench Liaison within Minister Springborg's office. He's a Senior Policy Advisor and very knowledgeable. I am sure he would be happy to assist you with your query.

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas break and we will chat soon.

Kind regards,

Danielle Keys

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Hi Danielle,

Happy New Year and here's a doozy to get the ball rolling.

The constituent refers to studies etc. that form the basis for our decision re fluoridisation. Is there someone in the Department who can provide me with relevant links or documents that I might be able to forward this chap.

To be honest, I'm against fluoride for my own reasons but rest assured – I'm not about to start campaigning on that – too many other more pressing things to worry about and I believe the changes we made last year are more than fair to all sides.

Any help would be appreciated.

Regards

Sean



From: [redacted]
Sent: Thursday, 10 January 2013 9:35 AM
To: IpswichWest Electorate Office
Subject: Removal of fluoride from drinking water and food processing.

10-1-13



Mr Sean Choat

Dear Mr Choat

I have an interest in fluoridation and would like proof from you of the effectiveness and safety of this process.

My request is for:

1. A copy of a scientific study with a suitable nearby comparable control town or city where the examiners were

"blind," published in a refereed scientific journal, proving fluoridation is perfectly safe and no person can be harmed from drinking water fluoridated at one ppm (1 part per million) of fluoride throughout their life.

2. A copy of a dental clinical study with a suitable nearby comparable control town or city where the examiners

were "blind," published in a refereed scientific journal showing that fluoride and solely fluoride stops tooth decay in humans.

Additionally:

3. Is your department/organisation aware that

not one of the main organisations endorsing fluoridation in Australia

(including the ADA, AMA, NHMRC, TGA, Governments and their Health Departments)

has published any studies

themselves in refereed scientific journals that prove fluoridation to be either safe or effective?

4. Is your department/organisation aware that

not one of the main organisations endorsing fluoridation worldwide

(including the American Dental Assn, American Medical Assn, the US Government's Public Health Service, the

Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organisation (WHO), Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

and the US National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research)

has conducted or published any studies

themselves in refereed scientific journals that prove fluoridation to be either safe or effective?

websites for study reference, please view for yourself:

My will is that you immediately stop the fluoridation of our drinking water supplies.

Yours sincerely,



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From: Mitchell Redford
Sent: Wednesday, 16 January 2013 2:42 PM
To: Jake Smith; Andrew Bibb
Subject: FW: Letters to editor
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From: Jason Woodforth [<mailto:Jason.Woodforth@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 12:19 PM E. Australia Standard Time
To: Gerard Reilly
Subject: FW: Letters to editor

Hi Gerard, further to our phone call and also further to my conversations with Matt Mceachan, please find attached today's letters to the editor from yesterday's story from Dr Young, amazingly all anti fluoride and from such a left wing paper I think even they are getting it.

As I mentioned to Matt I was wanting to work with you all to ensure that the outcome is that we all walk away winning from this (this is a vote winner, and I have lots of mail to prove it from all over Qld), but Dr Young has kicked an own goal, ten of them, she has left herself exposed and dangerously so, tearing her apart would be so easy to do, as I said if this was business I could take her to court and she would be done fraud and misleading advertising. Her comments are so baseless and just straight out lies, the simplest one of all of them is that she calls it natural and a mineral, it's neither that we use, it's a class 6/7 poison, it's misleading and she cannot defend it one bit, I really don't know why she is doing this, is there an agenda that I need to know about? The whole Qld health brochure on Fluoride is a lie, misleading, deceptive and full of spin.

From Dr Young's comments I am not sure if there is way out for her to come clean and be seen as the reputable Dr she is meant to be (fluoride is not the only thing she lying about, that for another day, fluoride first). Please note the very first letter to the editor is from a doctor here in Brisbane, and in Warronbul Vic there was 21 doctors that fought against fluoride, if you think the doctors are supporting the AMA you are very mistaken, further more our leading Dentist for decades Philip R.N. Sutton was dead against it, and in the second letter to the editor you will see the professor of dentistry in Toronto is against it. Most dentist just tow the line, many are against it and can't say it, but here are two leading dentists, tops in their field.

Gerard at this stage the next step is to bring my report to the party room on Feb 11th and the motion I will be putting forward is something along the lines of "To cease immediately throughout Qld water fluoridation using Hydrofluorosilic Acid (there is 3 compounds all named slightly different - it's in the act, but all poisons) and to make it illegal to put these poisons in the drinking water, and make it illegal to import and or buy in Qld".

Ok that certainly needs to be re worded.

I'll leave you with that for now, but I look forward to being able to work with you and others that we need to so as to achieve an outcome that benefits us all.

Ps - I'd say that this could go either way, but it's not a game of footy, this is just so basic it's not funny, perhaps I brief you guys first with my report and a bit of a think tank?

Kind Regards

Jason Woodforth MP

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Importance: High

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Regards
Helen

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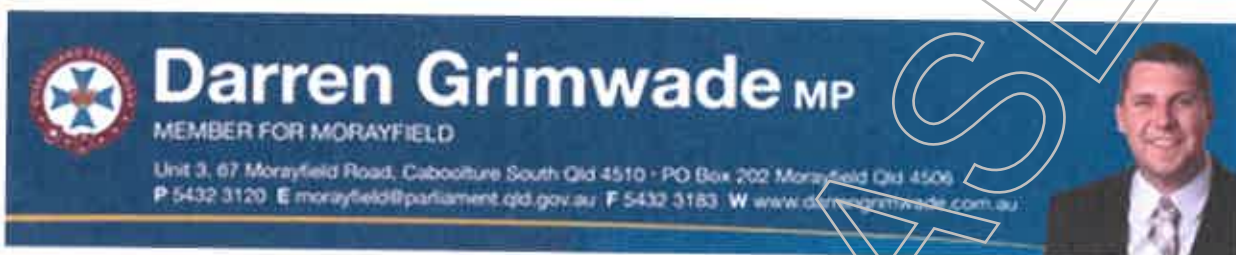
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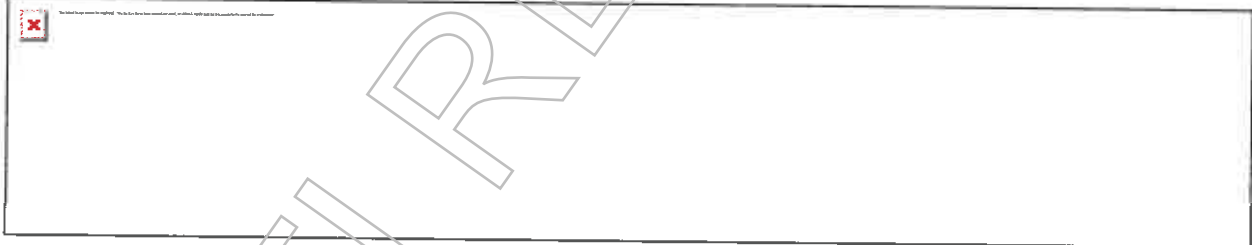
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Sent: Friday, 25 January 2013 4:28 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: Fluoride

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Regards,

Josh Christian | Assistant Electorate Officer/ Media Officer
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Sent: Tuesday, 5 February 2013 11:40 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: FW: Fluoride in the drinking water - for Mr Springborg

Andrew,

For your attention.

Ian.

From: Southern Downs Electorate Office
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Dear [REDACTED]

I acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of 31st January, to the Hon. Lawrence Springborg, MP, Minister for Health, regarding fluoride in drinking water.

Your e-mail has been forwarded on to Mr. Springborg at his Ministerial Office for his attention.

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From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Tuesday, 29 January 2013 1:01 PM
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From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Tuesday, 5 February 2013 12:17 PM
To: Health
Subject: FW: Fluoride in the drinking water - for Mr Springborg

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From: Jason Woodforth <Jason.Woodforth@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 4:36 PM
To: Andrew Bibb; Rachael Parry
Subject: re Prof Paul Connett

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Andrew Bibb

From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 4:43 PM
To: Mark Wood; Jake Smith; Jo Toghill
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From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Friday, 15 February 2013 7:08 AM
To: Blair Shapland
Subject: RE: Fluoride

Fluoride standard wording

Support change

As you have noted, these amendments remove the mandatory requirement to fluoridate all relevant water supplies and allow local governments to determine if it is in the best interests of their communities to implement, or continue, fluoridation. This change reflects the Government's philosophical commitment to local decision making.

Despite the removal of this mandatory obligation, I can advise that the Government continues to advocate for the inclusion of fluoride in drinking water. Fluoridation has been proven as a safe and effective means of preventing tooth decay, particularly in children, and is supported by key expert health authorities, including the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Dental Association, the Australian Medical Association and the World Health Organization.

Against change

I appreciate your concerns in relation to the Government's recent decision to amend the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008*, to remove the mandatory requirement to fluoridate all relevant water supplies. This change means that local governments must now determine if it is in the best interests of their communities to implement, or continue, fluoridation. This change reflects the Government's philosophical commitment to local decision making.

Please be assured that despite the removal of this mandatory obligation, the Government continues to advocate for the inclusion of fluoride in drinking water. Fluoridation has been proven as a safe and effective means of preventing tooth decay, particularly in children, and is supported by key expert health authorities, including the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australian Dental Association, the Australian Medical Association and the World Health Organization.

Anti fluoride

Following further consideration, the Government has taken on board the views of the community and has recently amended the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008* (the Act) to remove the mandatory requirement to fluoridate all relevant water supplies. The amendments to the Act will promote local level decision making in relation to the fluoridation of drinking water. Local Governments must now determine if it is in the best interests of their communities to implement, or continue, fluoridation.

While the Government continues to advocate for the inclusion of fluoride in drinking water, this change reflects our philosophical commitment to local decision making.

Fluoridation has been proven as a safe and effective means of preventing tooth decay, particularly in children, and is supported by peak health bodies including the National Health and Medical Research Council, the Australia Dental Association, the Australian Medical Association and the World Health Organization.

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From: Blair Shapland [<mailto:Blair.Shapland@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 14 February 2013 12:14 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: Fluoride

Good Afternoon Andrew,

Quick question, Do you have any standard points regarding the Fluoride issue? I thought you may have sent some out a while back though I can't find it. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Kind Regards,

Blair Shapland
Constituent Liaison



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Andrew Bibb

From: Sdlo <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 21 February 2013 9:58 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: Jason Woodforth MP - Member for Nudgee - Fluoride
Attachments: Att 1.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Andrew,

Jason Woodforth has been in contact with the Water Quality Team in relation to Fluoride. He particularly was interested in safety data and dental fluorosis. I have attached a detailed response to his enquiry. Further information is available on line at: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au/fluoride/articles.asp>.

Please let me know if you need anything further.

Many thanks
Simone

Simone Ryder
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Fluoridation Information Request – Mr Jason Woodforth MP, Member for Nudgee
12 February 2013

1. Safety Data / studies

The most recent National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) review in 2007 reaffirms the safety and effectiveness of water fluoridation. This extensive and rigorous review can be accessed at <http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines/publications/eh41a>. The 2007 NHMRC review concluded that “Fluoridation of drinking water remains the most effective and socially equitable means of achieving community-wide exposure to the caries prevention effects of fluoride. It is recommended that water be fluoridated in the target range of 0.6 to 1.1 mg/L, depending on climate, to balance reduction of dental caries and occurrence of dental fluorosis”.

The review specifically considered bone fractures, cancer and other possible adverse health effects associated with water fluoridation.

Bone fractures: The review concluded that “Water fluoridation at levels aimed at preventing dental caries has little effect on fracture risk. Fluoridation at 0.6 to 1.1 mg/L may lower overall fracture risk compared to both no fluoridation and fluoridation at levels well above those experienced in Australia”.

Cancer: The NHMRC review highlights the findings of a previous systematic review of the safety and effectiveness of fluoridation undertaken by McDonagh et al (2000a) (This review is the UK National Health Service/University of York Review referred to in the next section). In this review it was concluded that there is no clear association between water fluoridation and overall cancer incidence or mortality (for ‘all cause’ cancer, and specifically for bone cancer and osteosarcoma). Furthermore, the authors state that the evidence relating fluoridation to cancer incidence or mortality is mixed, with small variations on either side of the effect.

The NHMRC review identified four additional studies undertaken since the completion of the York Review that were relevant for consideration. Three of the additional studies were ecological, the fourth was a matched case control study, undertaken by Bassin et al (2006). “The latter study compares the fluoride exposure of histologically-confirmed osteosarcoma cases with that of matched controls - a sub-set of patients from a larger case-control study initiated by the Harvard School of dental medicine that is yet to report its findings. After adjusting for significant differences at baseline between the cases and controls, the results of Bassin et al (2006) suggest an increased risk of osteosarcoma amongst young males (but not females) with water fluoridation. However, the attention of the reader is drawn to a letter to the editor by co-investigators of Bassin in which the letter authors point out that they have not been able to replicate these findings in the broader Harvard study, that included prospective cases from the same 11 hospitals. Furthermore, the bone samples that were taken in the broader study corroborate a lack of association between the fluoride content in drinking water and osteosarcoma in the new cases. The final publication of the full study is not yet available, and the authors of the letter caution readers not to overinterpret the results of Bassin and colleagues in the interim”.

Since the publication of the NHMRC review in 2007, the broader Harvard osteosarcoma study has been published. It found no statistically significant association between water fluoridation and osteosarcoma. It should also be pointed out that a 2006 analysis of osteosarcoma in Australia by the Department of Health Services in Victoria and Cancer Council Victoria found that osteosarcoma rates in the largely non-fluoridated state of Queensland were actually higher than osteosarcoma rates in the other largely fluoridated states and territories, and double the Australian average.

Osteosarcoma rates in largely non-fluoridated rural and regional Victoria were also significantly higher than osteosarcoma rates in fluoridated Melbourne. This information can be accessed at [http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/4C66686838BC28DCCA257868007AD27C/\\$FILE/Osteosarcoma%202011_WEB.pdf](http://docs.health.vic.gov.au/docs/doc/4C66686838BC28DCCA257868007AD27C/$FILE/Osteosarcoma%202011_WEB.pdf)

The NHMRC also considered other possible adverse health effects of water fluoridation. The review stated that "the authors of previous systematic reviews concluded that the studies examining other possible negative effects of water fluoridation provide insufficient evidence to reach a conclusion", and found no new evidence to change this view.

Other recent reviews on water fluoridation are the SCHER (European Commission) Review in 2010, the Irish Forum on Fluoridation in 2002 and the York Review of 2000. The SCHER Review found that "On reviewing the most recent studies, the SCHER concludes that epidemiological work does not indicate a clear link between fluoride in drinking water and any cancers. Nor is there evidence from animal studies to support such a link. Fluoride should therefore be classified as non-carcinogenic. The Irish Forum concluded that "The best available and most reliable scientific evidence indicates that at the maximum permitted level of fluoride in drinking water at 1 part per million, human health is not adversely affected". The York Review concluded that "An association with water fluoride and other adverse effects such as cancer, bone fracture and Down's syndrome was not found", although they added that "...we felt that not enough was known because the quality of the evidence was poor". The SCHER review can be accessed at http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific_committees/opinions_layman/fluoridation/en/l-2/index.htm#0, the Irish Forum on Fluoridation at http://www.dohc.ie/publications/fluoridation_forum.html and the York Review at <http://www.york.ac.uk/inst/crd/fluorid.htm>.

2. Effectiveness Data / studies (current dental decay rates Aust wide if they are available) and versus last 10-20 years

The 2007 NHMRC review concluded that "The existing body of evidence strongly suggests that water fluoridation is beneficial at reducing dental caries". The NHMRC also stated that "Fluoridation of drinking water remains the most effective and socially equitable means of achieving community-wide exposure to the caries prevention effects of fluoride. It is recommended that water be fluoridated in the target range of 0.6 to 1.1 mg/L, depending on climate, to balance reduction of dental caries and occurrence of dental fluorosis".

Australian Child Dental Health Surveys have been conducted since the early 1990s. Decay figures vary slightly from year to year depending on many variables, but consistently show Queensland children having higher levels of tooth decay than children in other states. For convenience, and because statistical analysis is more difficult when children have both primary (baby) and permanent (adult) teeth present together in the mouth, researchers usually record only primary tooth decay experience in 5-6 year olds (even if some permanent teeth have already erupted) and only permanent tooth decay experience in 12 year olds (even if some primary teeth are still present).

Fluoridation reduces smooth surface decay (predominantly decay between the teeth) more than pit and fissure decay (decay in the grooves of the chewing surfaces of the teeth). Early decay in the fissures is easier to record than decay in between teeth. Because no x-rays are used when recording these decay levels, it is likely that some decay between the teeth (occurring more commonly in non-fluoridated areas) is not recorded.

2000-07 Australian Child Dental Health Survey dmft data for children aged 5-6

dmft = decayed, missing (extracted because of decay), or filled primary (baby) teeth. The figures represent the average number of decayed, missing or filled primary teeth recorded in each state and territory in a particular period.

	2007	2006	2005	2003-04	2002	2001	2000
NSW	1.5						
Vic				1.8	1.9	1.8	2.0
WA	1.5	1.7	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.6
SA	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.5
Tas	2.2	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.5
ACT	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.4	1.8	1.7	1.8
NT	3.8	2.5	2.7	2.7	2.3	2.0	2.3
Qld	2.5	2.5	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.2	2.1
Aust av.	1.9	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.6

2000-07 Australian Child Dental Health Survey DMFT data for children aged 12

DMFT = decayed, missing (extracted because of decay), or filled permanent (adult) teeth. The figures represent the average number of decayed, missing or filled permanent teeth recorded in each state and territory in a particular period. DMFT figures in 12 year olds are usually lower than dmft figures in 5-6 year olds, since many of the permanent teeth have only erupted in the previous year or two. Tooth decay is generally a very slow process.

	2007	2006	2005	2003-04	2002	2001	2000
NSW	0.75						0.91(adj)
Vic				1.06	0.98	0.93	1.11
WA	0.84	0.82	0.88	0.87	0.92	0.82	0.89
SA	0.93	0.94	0.97	0.82	0.84	0.67	0.60
Tas	1.10	1.13	1.24	1.18	1.21	1.26	0.98

ACT	0.80	0.89	0.78	1.06	1.27	1.38	1.39
NT	0.74	1.05	1.22	0.92	0.84	0.73	0.97
Qld	1.32	1.44	1.20	1.19	1.26	1.25	1.17
Aust. av.	0.95	1.24	1.11	1.03	1.02	0.95	0.84

The interstate differences shown in these surveys are likely to underestimate the benefits of water fluoridation. Some children in other states will not have had exposure to water fluoridation, and many Queensland children will have had exposure to water fluoridation, either through living in Townsville or other fluoridated towns, or having lived part of their lives in other states. To address this concern, the 2002 Australian Child Dental Health Survey specifically looked at each child's exposure to water fluoridation.

After examining 136,000 children across Australia (all states and territories except NSW, which had a different system of examinations that could not easily be compared with other states and territories) and adjusting for exposure to water fluoridation, the 2002 Australian Child Dental Health Survey found that "Children from areas with higher concentrations of fluoride in drinking water had less dental decay than children from areas with low concentration of fluoride in drinking water, irrespective of whether they lived in metropolitan, rural or remote locations". The survey also concluded that "Water fluoridation was associated with better dental health, regardless of whether children lived in the least or most socioeconomically disadvantaged areas" and "Water fluoridation was associated with lower average levels of decayed, missing and filled teeth for each Australian state and territory where a comparison could be made". This survey can be accessed at http://www.arcpoh.adelaide.edu.au/publications/report/statistics/html_files/cdhs2002.html

3. Dental Fluorosis % risk – what is acceptable

Fluorides in drinking water, toothpaste and other sources can be responsible for both a reduction in dental caries and an increase in dental fluorosis. Dental fluorosis is a cosmetic effect that can range in appearance from scarcely discernible to a marked staining or pitting of the teeth in severe forms. Dental fluorosis occurs in both fluoridated and non-fluoridated areas, with a higher prevalence in fluoridated areas. The level of aesthetically concerning dental fluorosis rises sharply in those areas of the world with very high naturally occurring levels of fluoride in drinking water.

Prior to the introduction of water fluoridation in the United States in 1945, the National Institute of Dental Research conducted extensive studies of dental caries and dental fluorosis in areas with varying levels of naturally occurring fluoride in the drinking water. In 1942, H. T. Dean reported that "At a fluoride concentration of 1 mg/l about 20 percent of children have evidence of dental fluorosis but this fluorosis is of a mild degree of severity and would not be cosmetically obvious to the children or their parents". http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/43514/1/9241563192_eng.pdf

In the current era, other factors also need to be considered. The ideal level of fluoride in drinking water is that which results in the maximum reduction in dental caries and a minimal increase in aesthetically concerning dental fluorosis. The ideal level in a particular area is usually determined after an assessment of other fluoride sources e.g. toothpaste, fluoride supplements, and the level of

fluoride naturally found in the water, and can also be influenced by the climate of the region. The Queensland Child Oral Health Survey is currently being conducted, and this will provide an accurate picture of the levels of tooth decay and dental fluorosis in Queensland, and their association with fluoridation.

Recent Australian research has led to techniques which can significantly reduce the impact of aesthetically concerning dental fluorosis.

It should be stressed that most fluorosis, if it occurs, is mild, is only detectable by a dentist, and does not damage the teeth. Tooth decay on the other hand is a destructive and disfiguring process, repair of which causes its own cosmetic problems, as well as pain, trauma, and significant financial cost.

4. Study (that is if one has ever been done?) hospital admission for serious illnesses of Townsville people versus rest of Qld

My Department is not aware of any study of this sort, and it is very unlikely that any study of this type has been carried out. There will certainly be information on hospital admissions for Townsville and the rest of Queensland, but no association between those admissions and water fluoridation could be made without asking all admitted patients about their exposure to water fluoridation. Other matters to consider are that until recently many parts of the wider Townsville region were not in fact fluoridated, and some of these areas are associated with high decay rates. Also, Townsville and other Queensland towns and cities may have transient populations, and it cannot be assumed that people from Townsville drink fluoridated water and people from the rest of Queensland do not. For example, the 1996 study that found significantly lower tooth decay rates in Townsville children drinking fluoridated water compared with Brisbane children drinking non-fluoridated water found that only around a third of Townsville children had actually lived all their life in the Townsville area. Many Queensland residents, particularly in the south-east corner of the state, will also have moved from other states and may have had significant exposure to fluoridated water prior to their arrival in Queensland.

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From: Sdlo <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 21 February 2013 2:02 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: Councils opting out of fluoridation

Importance: High

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Subject: Councils opting out

1. Can you tell me for Andrew MacDonald at the Courier Mail how many councils have opted out of fluoridation?

Thanks
Monica



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Subject: FW: re Qld Health Fluoride report

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From: Kate Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2013 4:48 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: RE: re Qld Health Fluoride report

No idea! I haven't received anything....

Kate

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From: Craig Brown <Craig_Brown2@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2013 5:19 PM
To: Andrea Grant; Andrew Bibb; Cameron Thompson; Clare Mildren; Dan Harradine; Katie May; Leanne Brearley
Subject: Re: Fwd: HPROT - URGENT media enquiry re fluoride in Mackay - due ASAP - COB today if possible

Take out the last line and this is good to go.

>>> Katie May 26/02/2013 4:55 pm >>>
Hey Clare/ Cam

Any issues with this response?

Thanks

Katie

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>>> CHO CHO 26/02/2013 4:51 pm >>>
Good afternoon Katie

Please find below advice from the WQ team, cleared by the Dr Young 26 February 2013, in response to the urgent media request below.

Kind regards

Elizabeth

Community water fluoridation relies for its effectiveness on long term community access to fluoridated water over many years.

Temporary interruptions to fluoride dosing can occur at any water treatment plant from time to time.

These temporary interruptions have no significant effect on oral health.

Council has advised that fluoride dosing was discontinued in response to an adverse worker health and safety audit recommendation.

Council complied with their statutory obligation to inform the Dept of Health that they had stopped fluoride dosing in July last year.

Under the Water Fluoridation Act there is no obligation on either the Council or Dept of Health to inform the community of temporary interruptions to fluoride dosing.

The Department of Health is not involved in any investigation of worker health and safety at the Nebo Rd water treatment plant, but is following up the issue further with Council this week.

>>> CHO CHO 3:45 pm 26/02/2013 >>>
Good morning Elvin

FYI below for urgent response - this is related to the earlier CHO brief (CH009121) which you provided earlier today.

Kind regards

Elizabeth

>>> Katie May 26/02/2013 3:40 pm >>>
Hey guys

Please see below media enquiry regarding the water plant in Mackay. Apparently the Council CEO is blaming us for not informing the community about the lack of fluoridation.

Are you able to provide some info regarding what the processes are here and who's responsible for what?

The journo was wanting it this afternoon - is this possible? If not, let me know and I can let her know we'll get it to her tomorrow AM.

Pls contact me if any issues.

Thanks

katie

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>>> Craig Brown 26/02/2013 3:33 pm >>>

>>> "Kim Waters" <Kim.Waters@dailymercury.com.au> 26/02/2013 3:30 pm >>>

Hi,
Mackay Regional Council has just admitted that they've been covering up not putting fluoride in our water for the last seven months (and telling the public that they were). They're blaming a workplace health and safety issue at the city's Nebo Road water treatment plant.
Council's CEO has said Queensland Health was notified of the issue and is involved in an internal workplace health and safety investigation relating to the worksite.
The CEO is basically blaming Queensland Health for not informing the community about this.
Is it possible to get a few comments on when Queensland Health was informed about the problem and what's the investigation involves?

Regards,
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To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: RES: Councils opting out of fluoridation
Attachments: Fluoride_CouncilDecisions_26Feb2013.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Andrew,

The further to the advice below:

Cloncurry - not to commence

Please also find attached a map showing council decisions on fluoride.

Many thanks
Simone

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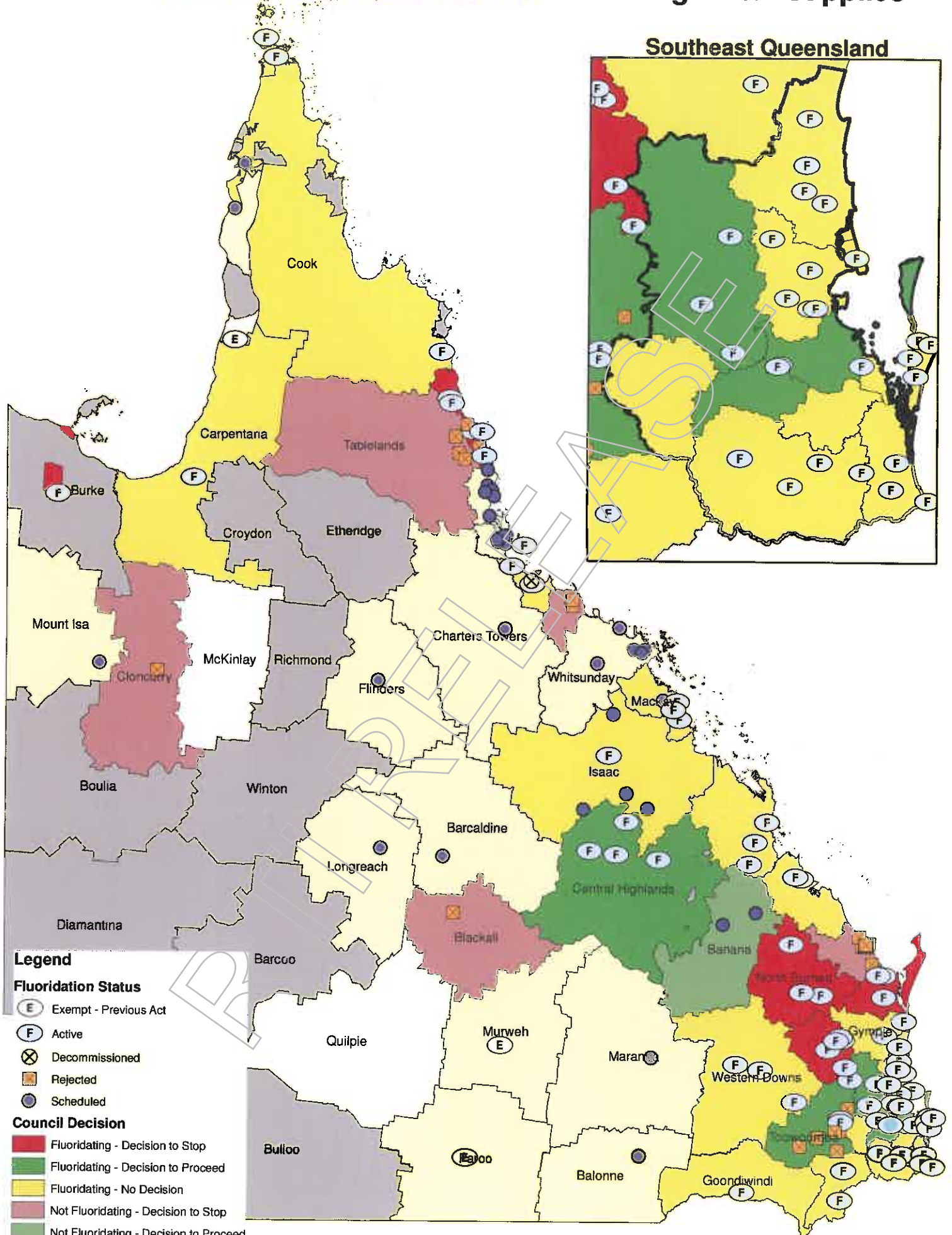
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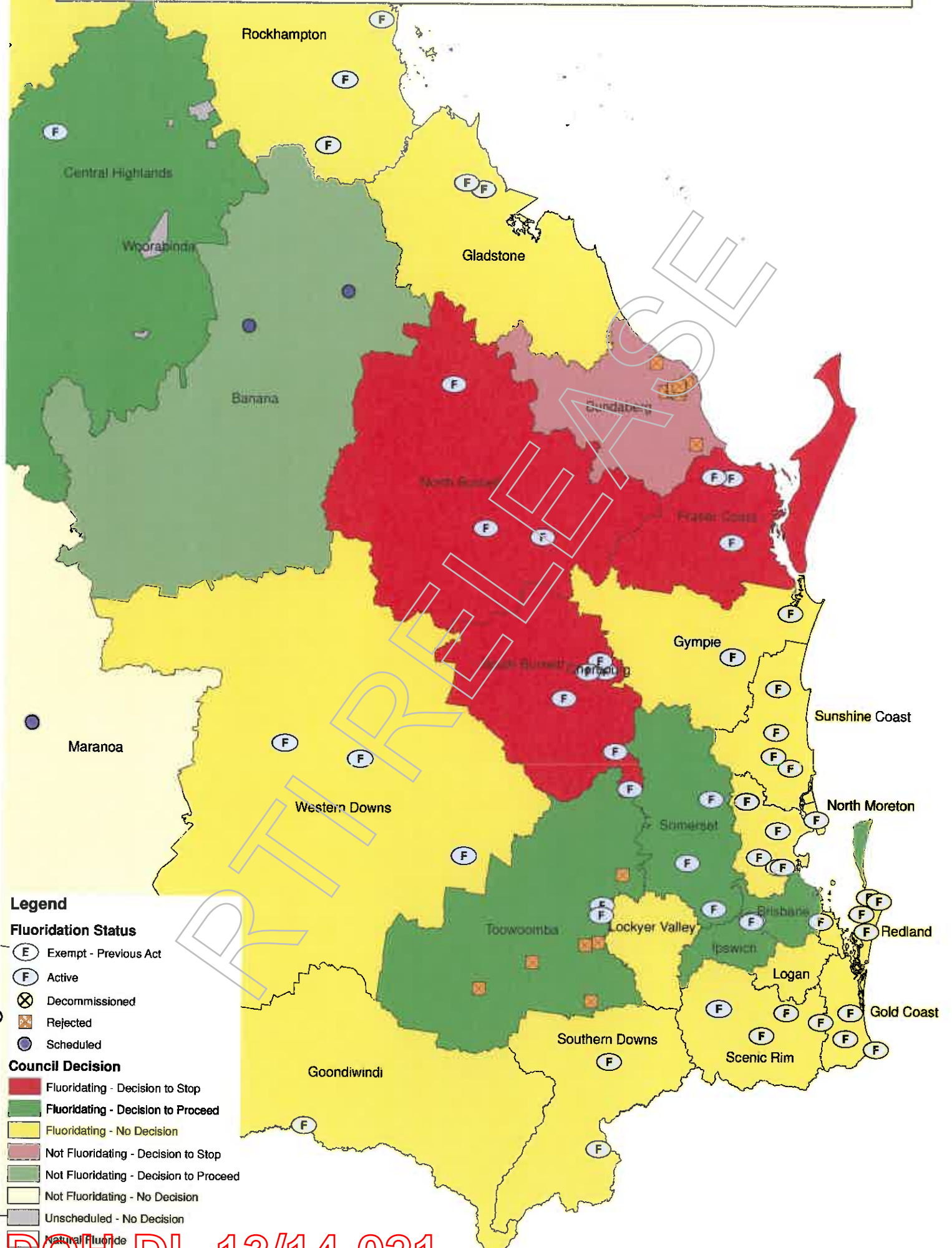
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Council Decisions on Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies



Council Decisions on Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies (Southeast Queensland)



Council Decisions on Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies (Tropical Region)

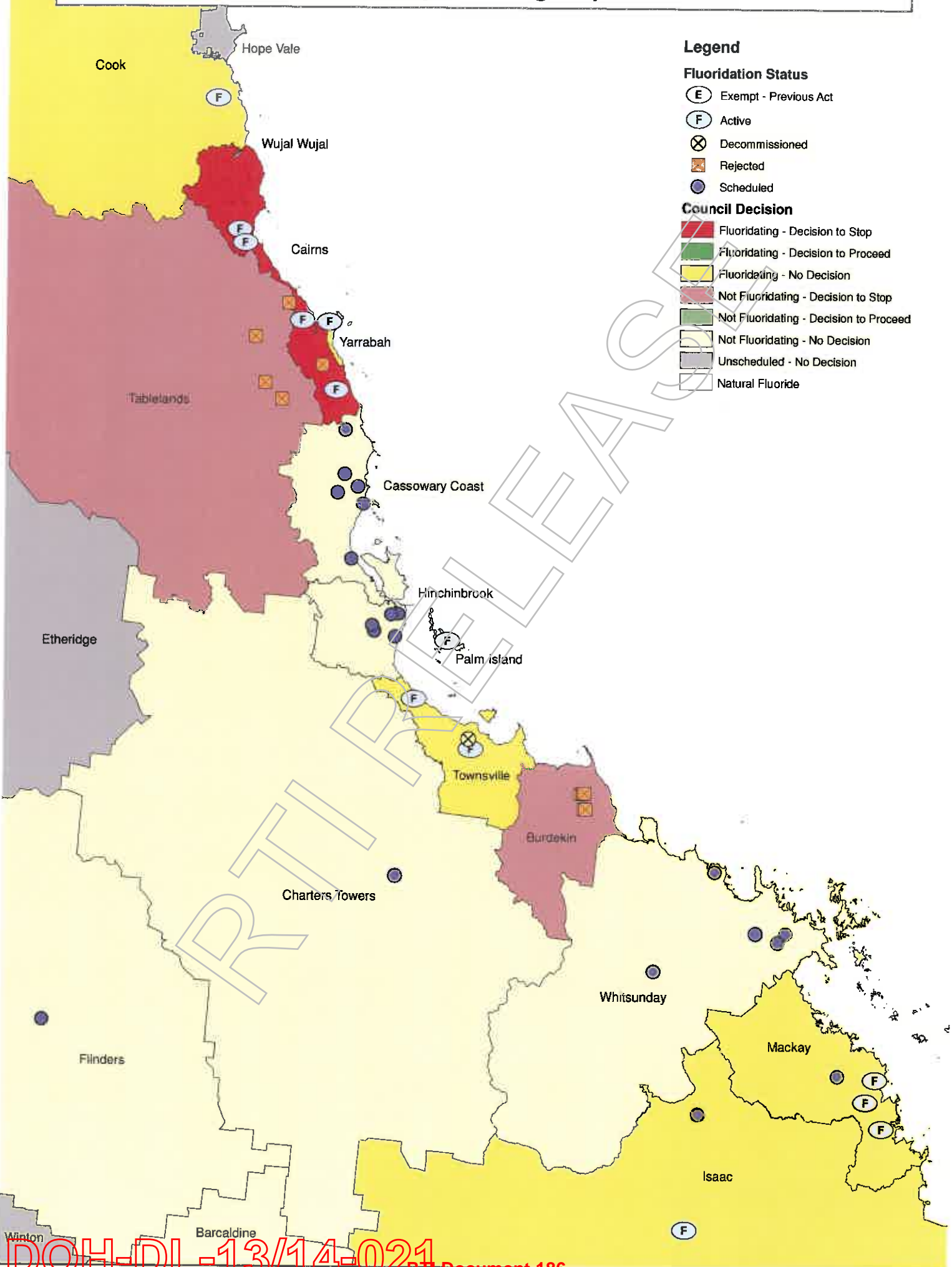
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Fluoridation Status

- (E) Exempt - Previous Act
- (F) Active
- ⊗ Decommissioned
- ⊠ Rejected
- Scheduled

Council Decision

- Fluoridating - Decision to Stop
- Fluoridating - Decision to Proceed
- Fluoridating - No Decision
- Not Fluoridating - Decision to Stop
- Not Fluoridating - Decision to Proceed
- Not Fluoridating - No Decision
- Unscheduled - No Decision
- Natural Fluoride



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From: Sdlo <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 11:54 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: MI188184 - Surfers Paradise Electorate Office - Fluoride
Attachments: A2 Poster_5 Facts.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_5 Facts.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_common fluoride Myths.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_Facts on water fluoridation in Queensland.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_Frequently asked questions.pdf; DL Brochure_Water fluoridation.pdf; 20130304115855387.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Andrew,

Please find attached the incoming correspondence from the Electorate Office, plus the fact sheets and posters which will be of assistance in this enquiry, plus any future ones.

Many thanks
Simone

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5 Facts about water fluoridation



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1 Good oral hygiene + healthy eating + water fluoridation = good oral health.

2 Adding a small amount of fluoride to the water system doesn't change the taste or smell of water and is a safe and effective way to protect against tooth decay.

3 Every other state and territory has enjoyed the benefits of water fluoridation for more than 30 years.

4 Drinking fluoridated water is good for people of all ages including young children, pregnant women and older people.

5 Extensive scientific research confirms water fluoridation is not associated with any ill health effects.



Ask your dental practitioner for more information or go to www.health.qld.gov.au/fluoride

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common fluoride myths



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Myth: Fluoride causes cancer

Fact Scientific studies from around the world have failed to demonstrate a link between water fluoridation and any type of cancer.

Fact Cancer rates in the rest of Australia (mostly fluoridated for decades) are no higher than in Queensland (largely non-fluoridated until 2008).

Myth: Fluoride causes allergies

Fact Fluoride is found naturally in most foods and water.

Fact Reviews by peak health bodies around the world show no connection between water fluoridation and allergies, hypersensitivity or other immunological effects.

Myth: Fluoride causes arthritis

Fact The incidence of arthritis is no different in fluoridated and non-fluoridated communities, and there has never been any evidence from doctors, let alone published studies, suggesting this.

Fact Arthritis Australia has endorsed water fluoridation, stating that "Arthritis Australia is in favour of water fluoridation. There is no reputable scientific evidence that water fluoridation causes or worsens symptoms of arthritis".

Myth: Water fluoridation is banned in Europe

Fact No country has banned water fluoridation.

Fact Many countries use salt fluoridation as an alternative.

Myth: Fluoride causes bone fractures

Fact All Australian capital cities (except Brisbane) have been fluoridated for decades and have not seen an increase in bone fractures or other ill effects. Water fluoridation has been endorsed by Osteoporosis Australia.

Myth: Water fluoridation is bad for babies

Fact Water fluoridation has been endorsed by the World Health Organization, Australian Medical Association and American Academy of Pediatrics, and poses no known health risks for babies and young children.

Myth: Infant formula contains high levels of fluoride when mixed with fluoridated water

Fact Recent Australian studies show no link between the use of infant formulas and dental fluorosis.

Fact Fluoridated water can be safely used to reconstitute infant formula.

Myth: Water fluoridation causes excessive dental fluorosis

Fact The only known side effect of optimal water fluoridation is a slight increase in dental fluorosis levels.

Fact Most fluorosis is barely detectable and does not damage the teeth, whereas tooth decay is painful, unsightly and expensive to repair.

Myth: Water fluoridation is mass medication

Fact The Department of Health does not consider the addition of fluoride to drinking water to be 'mass medication', but simply adjusting the level of a substance already found naturally in the water to provide a substantial public health benefit.

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Frequently asked questions



fluoride



Q: *What is fluoride?*

A: Fluoride is a naturally occurring compound found in water, plants, rocks, soil, air and most foods.

Q: *Why is fluoride added to the water?*

A: While water supplies naturally contain some level of fluoride, there is not always sufficient fluoride to prevent tooth decay, especially when the water source comes from above the ground.

Q: *What benefits could water fluoridation have for me and my family?*

A: Water fluoridation helps to protect adults and children from tooth decay. It provides additional protection to fluoridated toothpaste. Preventing tooth decay can save your family the pain and discomfort of toothache and the expense required to treat the disease.

Q: *Is water fluoridation poisonous?*

A: No, water fluoridation is not poisonous. Anything can be dangerous at very high levels, but fluoride at less than one part per million is extremely safe.

Q: *Does water fluoridation cause cancer or bone damage?*

A: No, water fluoridation is not harmful, and numerous studies have found it does not cause cancer, osteoporosis, bone fractures or any other disease. Rates of any disease are no higher in fluoridated areas than in non fluoridated areas.

Q: *Does water fluoridation cause allergic reactions?*

A: No, water fluoridation has not been proven to cause any allergic reactions. Reviews by peak health bodies around the world have found no connection between water fluoridation and allergies, hypersensitivity or other immunological effects. Even sea water contains more fluoride than the levels in fluoridated water.

Q: *Does water fluoridation affect the taste or smell of water?*

A: No, fluoride does not affect the taste or smell of water.

Q: *Does water fluoridation have any side effects?*

A: Dental fluorosis or mottling of the teeth can occur if young children get too much fluoride when their adult teeth are forming. This condition affects only a small proportion of children and is associated with excess consumption of fluoride from all sources, especially toothpaste or fluoride supplements. Most fluorosis is mild and only detectable by a dentist.

Q: *Is it possible for my family to drink too much fluoridated water?*

A: Fluoridated water contains less than one part per million of fluoride. The level is set lower in Queensland than other areas of Australia because we need to drink more water due to our hotter climate. Because such a small amount of fluoride is used to top up natural levels, large amounts of water can be safely consumed.

Q: *Is it fair to make everybody drink fluoridated water? Why don't people who want fluoride use fluoride supplements?*

A: One of the advantages of water fluoridation is it allows all members of the community to benefit from the protective effects of fluoride, without cost or effort. Fluoride supplements do not provide the same benefit as water fluoridation.

Q: *What if I really don't want it?*

A: Those who choose not to benefit from water fluoridation can still choose other drinking water sources (e.g. bottled water, reverse osmosis filtered water).

Q: *Will the Government be offering rebates for water filters?*

A: The Government does not subsidise reverse osmosis water filters for those who choose not to access fluoridated water. Reverse osmosis systems are available from water filter retailers and selected hardware stores.

Facts on water fluoridation in Queensland



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Tooth decay and fluoride

- 67 per cent of Queensland children have experienced tooth decay by eight years of age.
- Every year, around 2000 pre-schoolers need to be hospitalised for severe dental decay.
- Fluoride is a naturally occurring compound found in water, plants, rocks, soil, air and foods.
- Topping up fluoride levels in water can reduce the risk of dental decay by up to 40 per cent.
- Prior to 2008, only five per cent of Queenslanders had access to fluoridated drinking water while other states and territories have been fluoridated for 30–50 years.
- The Department of Health no longer recommends the routine use of fluoride supplements, as they do not provide the same health benefit as fluoridated water, and may increase the risk of dental fluorosis.

Safety and cost-effectiveness of water fluoridation

- A recent review found an average of 2.25 less decayed teeth per child in fluoridated areas.
- Numerous studies and reviews have confirmed the effectiveness of water fluoridation in reducing dental decay for the whole population.
- The fluoridation of public water supplies has been practised around the world for more than sixty years; it is acknowledged as one of the 10 greatest public health achievements of the 20th century.
- A recent national review of water fluoridation found no negative health effects and only a slight increase in dental fluorosis.
- Water fluoridation gives extra protection against tooth decay but a healthy diet, regular brushing and flossing and regular dental check-ups are all essential for good oral health.
- More than 150 major health organisations including the World Health Organization, the Australian Medical Association (AMA), and the Australian Dental Association (ADA) support water fluoridation.

Every person of every age benefits from drinking fluoridated water throughout their life. Children benefit as soon as their teeth are formed and elderly people keep their teeth for longer – fluoride reduces their chances of developing tooth decay.

For more information contact Department of Health, Office of the Chief Dental Officer
GPO Box 48, Brisbane Qld 4001

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How does fluoride work?

Water fluoridation combats tooth decay in three ways.



Bacteria in the mouth make acids that cause tooth decay.

Fluoride stops the acids attacking the teeth.



Without fluoride – bacteria containing acid breaks down tooth enamel and causes tooth decay.



Drinking fluoridated water replaces lost minerals and repairs damaged tooth enamel. This continual replacement stops the progression of tooth decay.



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Water fluoridation



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The benefits of water fluoridation

- Our teeth need the protection of fluoride throughout life to avoid the pain and costs of tooth decay.
- Children benefit as soon as their teeth are formed – giving the best chance of having healthy teeth for life.
- Teenagers benefit as they are at higher risk of developing tooth decay.
- Young adults benefit as they can spend less time and money on expensive dental treatment.
- Middle-aged people can enjoy a healthier more comfortable lifestyle by avoiding the pain and costs of dental treatment.
- Elderly people are now keeping their teeth longer and will benefit from being well-protected against tooth decay.

No matter what age everyone benefits from fluoride



Water fluoridation in Queensland

Some parts of Queensland have been fluoridated for decades. For example, Townsville has been fluoridated for more than 40 years.

In recent years the number of Queenslanders who have access to the benefits of water fluoridation has dramatically increased. For example, the majority of South east Queensland has been fluoridated for four years.

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Common fluoride myths

Myth: Water fluoridation is bad for babies

Fact: Water fluoridation has been endorsed by the World Health Organization, Australian Medical Association and American Academy of Pediatrics, and poses no known health risks for babies and young children.

Myth: Fluoride causes cancer

Fact: Cancer rates in the rest of Australia (mostly fluoridated for decades) are no higher than in Queensland (largely non-fluoridated until 2008).

Myth: Fluoride causes allergies

Fact: Fluoride is found naturally in most foods and water. No credible research has linked water fluoridation to allergies, hypersensitivity or other immunological effects.

Myth: Water fluoridation is banned in Europe

Fact: No country has banned water fluoridation.

Fact: Many countries use salt fluoridation as an alternative.

Myth: Water fluoridation is mass medication

Fact: The Department of Health does not consider the addition of fluoride to drinking water to be 'mass medication', but simply adjusting the level of a substance already found naturally in the water to provide a substantial public health benefit.

Water fluoridation – better health for all Queenslanders

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RTI RELEASE

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From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 12:36 PM
To: Electorate Offices; Ministers_All; Backbench Liaisons; Backbenchers
Subject: GovernmentFYI: Health resources - fluoride
Attachments: A2 Poster_5 Facts.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_5 Facts.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_common fluoride Myths.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_Facts on water fluoridation in Queensland.pdf; A4 Fact Sheet_Frequently asked questions.pdf; DL Brochure_Water fluoridation.pdf

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Andrew Bibb

From: Mitchell Redford
Sent: Monday, 4 March 2013 1:10 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: RE: GovernmentFYI: Health resources - fluoride

Good stuff. Presumably the Member for Nudgee will distribute his own fact sheets....

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Andrew Bibb

From: Cameron Thompson
Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2013 12:24 PM
To: Lawrence Springborg
Cc: Jake Smith; Clare Mildren; Andrew Bibb
Subject: BREAKING NEWS: Charters Towers Regional Council has voted no to adding fluoride to the towns water supply

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RTI RELEASES

Andrew Bibb

From: Colleen Miller
Sent: Thursday, 21 March 2013 9:37 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: Belinda from Lisa Frances' Office 3408 6436

Hi

Question: 1. Is Fluoride a medication? 2. Does Australia allow forced Medication?

If you want to tell me the response I am happy to call her back if you are busy.



Colleen Miller

Office Manager

Office of the Hon. Lawrence Springborg MP Minister for Health

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From: Sdlo <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2013 8:13 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: RES: Councils opting out of fluoridation
Attachments: Fluoride_CouncilDecisions_26Feb2013.pdf

Importance: High

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Many thanks
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Ph: 3234 0826
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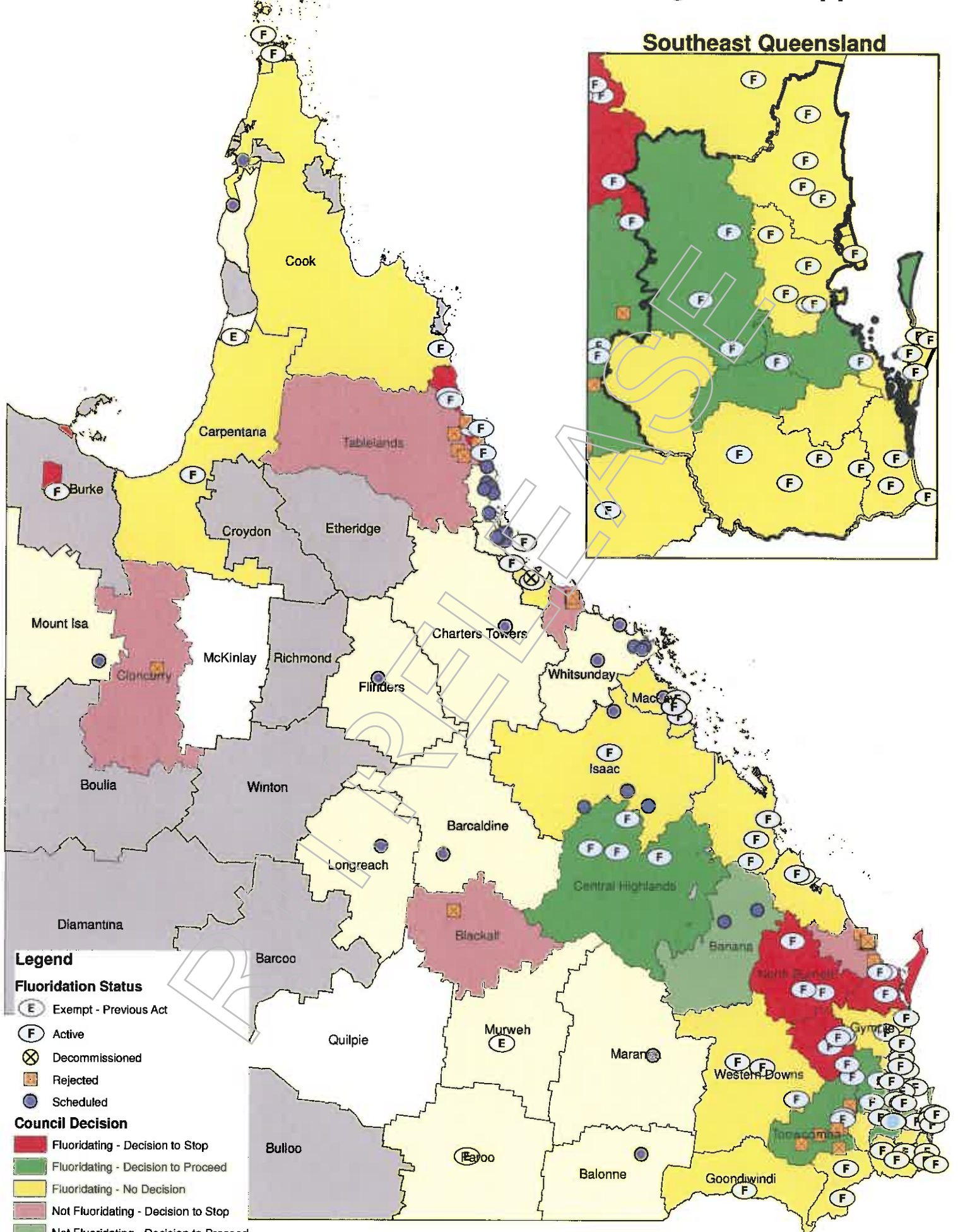
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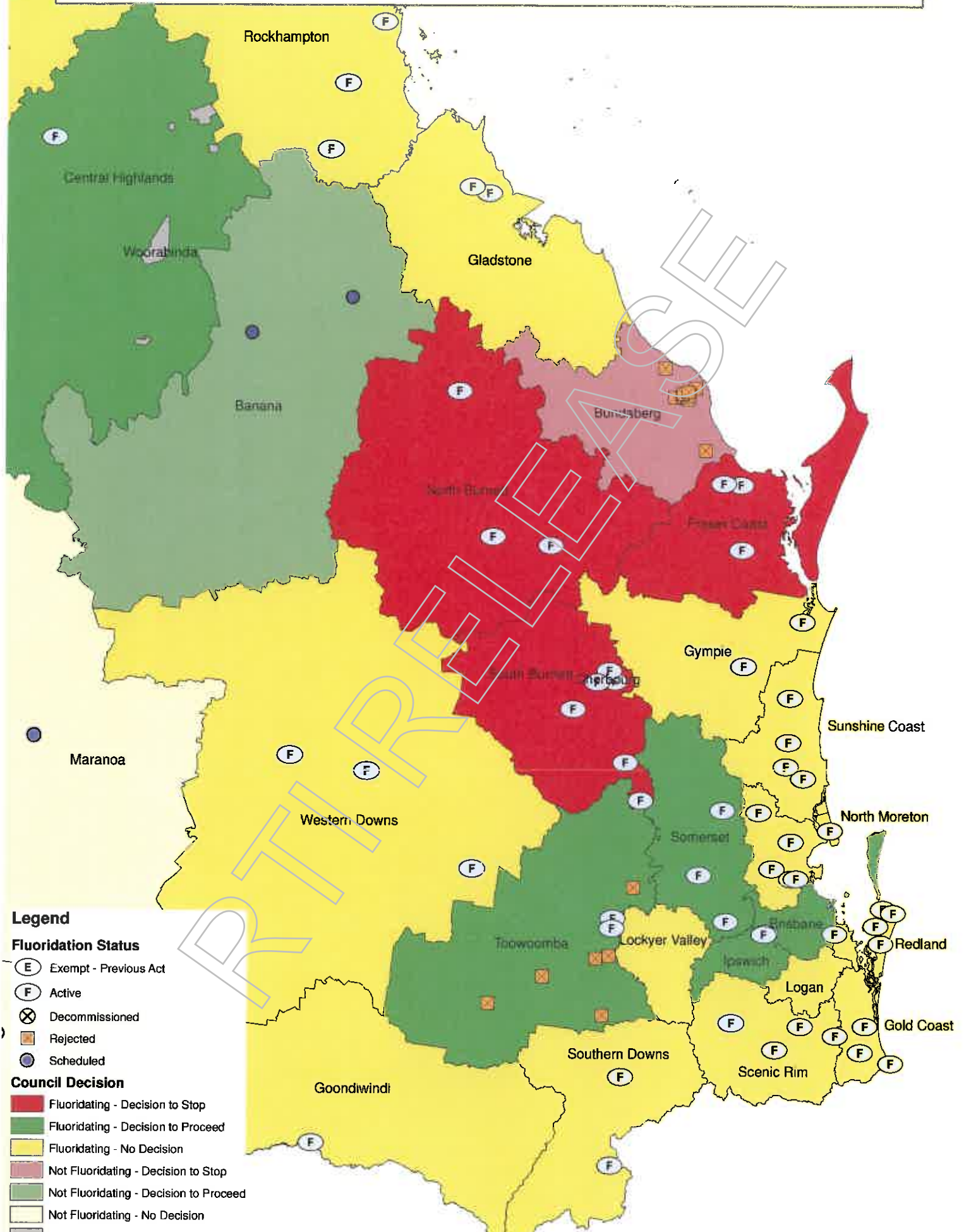
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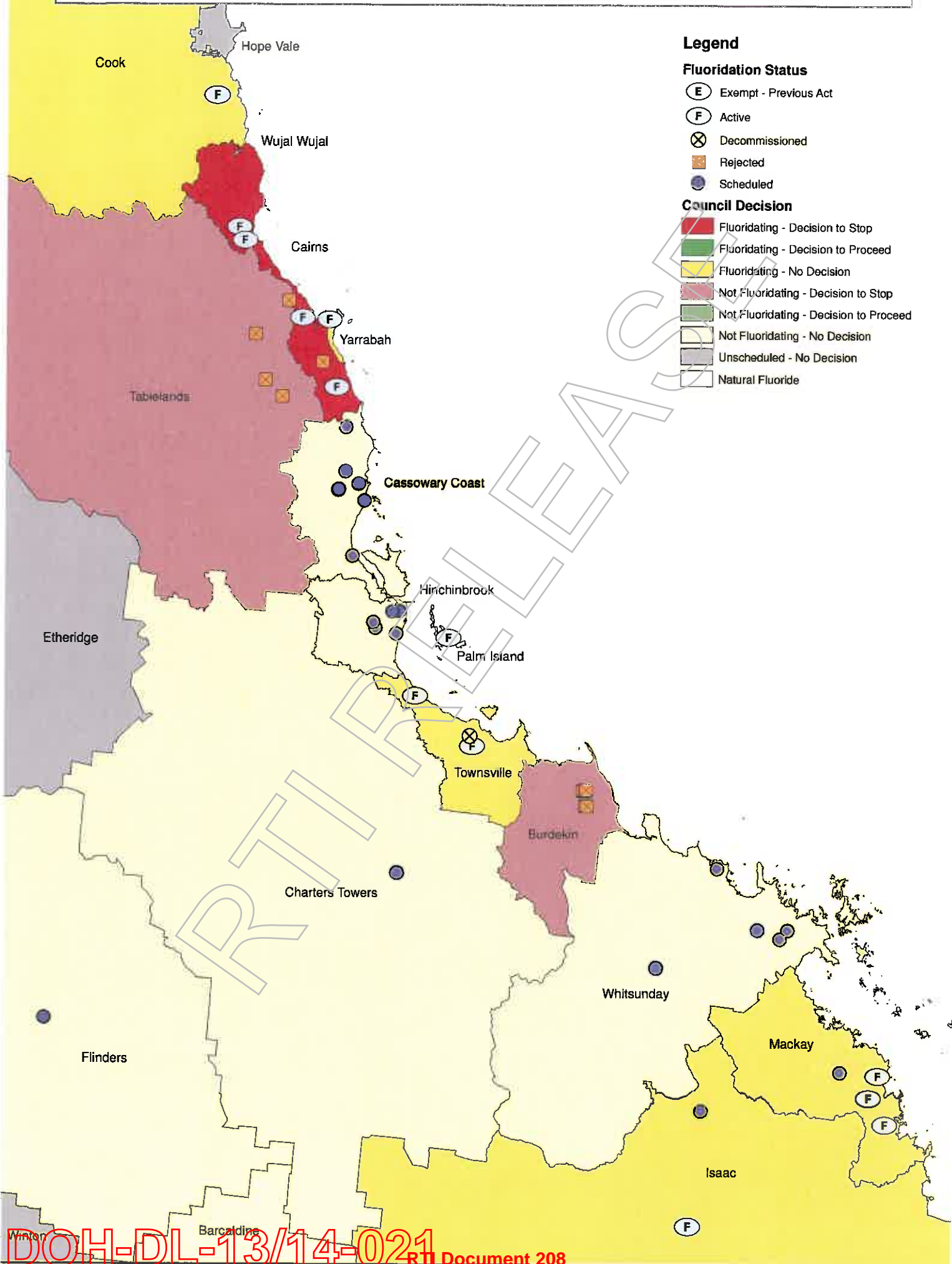
Council Decisions on Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies



Council Decisions on Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies (Southeast Queensland)



Council Decisions on Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies (Tropical Region)



Legend

Fluoridation Status

- (E) Exempt - Previous Act
- (F) Active
- ⊗ Decommissioned
- ⊠ Rejected
- Scheduled

Council Decision

- Fluoridating - Decision to Stop
- Fluoridating - Decision to Proceed
- Fluoridating - No Decision
- Not Fluoridating - Decision to Stop
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- Natural Fluoride

Andrew Bibb

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Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2013 8:16 AM
To: Andrew Longmire
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Importance: High

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From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Friday, 1 November 2013 6:55 AM
To: Health
Subject: FW: Cooktown Water Supply

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From: Cook Electorate Office [<mailto:COOK@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 31 October 2013 2:49 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: Cooktown Water Supply

Afternoon Andrew

This group has unsuccessfully petitioned the Cook Shire Council to have fluoride withdrawn from the town water supply.

They are seeking information on their rights as residents on this issue.

Are you able to provide some advices?

Many thanks and kind regards

Anwen Hughes | Assistant Electorate Officer
COOK ELECTORATE OFFICE
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From:
Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2013 12:25 PM
To: Cook Electorate Office
Subject: Att: David Kempton

Hi David, Our group [redacted] has recently had our Anti-Fluoride petition largely rejected by the Cook Shire Council.

When we inquired as to any protocols required to undertake a petition there was no criteria stated that required signatures could only come from residents/ratepayers at reticulated water addresses. Or that only one signature per address was allowed.

As a result only 22% of the petition signatures were considered legitimate, and the remaining 78% were disregarded.

Cooktown water was fluoridated in August 2010, two years ahead of the 2012 Government mandate schedule under the Anna Bligh Government. No community information was provided or consent sought. Everyone who comes to Cooktown is subjected to the water, not just the houses connected. All public accomodation, fishing and yachting, visitors, 'winter residents' from Victoria, and numerous RV's and holiday traffic. All have to either buy bottled water (huge trade comes in pallet loads at IGA), or carry enough for their stay.

Pleas offer advice as to where legal information is available on our rights as resident citizens, regardless of whether a ratepayer, tenant, traveller, or visitor.

Sincerely Yours,

[redacted]

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From: Gavin Davies
Sent: Friday, 23 August 2013 9:05 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: RE: QLD Parliamentary Library

They are all pro-fluoride, except for the one titled "Premier in line for more water torture" from The Australian, which is anti-fluoride.

From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Thursday, 22 August 2013 4:50 PM
To: Gavin Davies
Subject: Fwd: QLD Parliamentary Library

Can you read these for me and identify whether they are pro or anti fluoride or ambivalent?

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lynda Pretty <lynda.pretty@parliament.qld.gov.au>
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Subject: FW: QLD Parliamentary Library

Good afternoon Andrew,
Please find below editorial pieces from The Courier Mail and The Australian from 2008 concerning the introduction of fluoridation in water. As the issue was also relevant in 2007, I have included some editorials from that year as well.
Kind regards,

Lynda Pretty
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Andrew Bibb

From: Cook Electorate Office <COOK@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 31 October 2013 2:49 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: Cooktown Water Supply

Afternoon Andrew

This group has unsuccessfully petitioned the Cook Shire Council to have fluoride withdrawn from the town water supply.

They are seeking information on their rights as residents on this issue.

Are you able to provide some advices?

Many thanks and kind regards

Anwen Hughes | Assistant Electorate Officer
COOK ELECTORATE OFFICE
Shop 11, Post Office Centre, 94 Byrnes Street, Mareeba Qld 4880
PO Box 2251, Mareeba Qld 4880
Ph: 07 4092 7608 Fax: 07 4092 7653
email: cook@parliament.qld.gov.au



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 October 2013 12:25 PM
To: Cook Electorate Office
Subject: Att: David Kempton

Hi David, Our group [REDACTED] has recently had our Anti-Fluoride petition largely rejected by the Cook Shire Council.

When we inquired as to any protocols required to undertake a petition there was no criteria stated that required signatures could only come from residents/ratepayers at reticulated water addresses. Or that only one signature per address was allowed.

As a result only 22% of the petition signatures were considered legitimate, and the remaining 78% were disregarded.

Cooktown water was fluoridated in August 2010, two years ahead of the 2012 Government mandate schedule under the Anna Bligh Government. No community information was provided or consent sought. Everyone who comes to Cooktown is subjected to the water, not just the houses connected. All public accommodation, fishing and yachting, visitors, 'winter residents' from Victoria, and numerous RV's and holiday traffic. All have to either buy bottled water (huge trade comes in pallet loads at IGA), or carry enough for their stay.

Pleas offer advice as to where legal information is available on our rights as resident citizens, regardless of whether a ratepayer, tenant, traveller, or visitor.

Sincerely Yours,

[Redacted signature box]

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From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Thursday, 22 August 2013 4:50 PM
To: Gavin Davies
Subject: Fwd: QLD Parliamentary Library
Attachments: Editorial07122007.doc; ATT00001.htm

Can you read these for me and identify whether they are pro or anti fluoride or ambivalent?

Sent from my iPad

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From: Lynda Pretty <lynda.pretty@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Date: 22 August 2013 15:25:38 AEST
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Andrew Bibb

From: Sdlo <SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 July 2013 10:02 AM
To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Susanne LeBoutillier
Subject: RES: Fluoride tablets
Attachments: MI182596_1_1.pdf

Importance: High

Hi Andrew,

The Department of Health is unaware of details of the fluoride supplement program previously undertaken by local Councils.

Fluoride supplements are not recommended for use in Australia.

In contrast to the evidence on the effectiveness of water fluoridation and fluoride toothpaste, fluoride supplements (tablets or drops) are largely ineffective as a public health measure due to low levels of compliance. Fluoride supplement use in pre-school years also increases the risk of developing dental fluorosis.

Please find attached a recent Ministerial to Peter Wellington on this issue

Many thanks
Simone

Simone Ryder
A/Senior Departmental Liaison Officer
Office of the Director-General
Ph: 3234 0826
Mob:

>>> Andrew Bibb <Andrew.Bibb@ministerial.qld.gov.au> 4/07/2013 10:39 AM >>>
Can I get some info on below please for Minister's Electorate Office please?

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Office of the Minister for Health
The Hon Lawrence Springborg, MP
147-163 Charlotte Street, Brisbane, Qld, 4000
Telephone: 07 3234 1191 Mob:
E-Mail: andrew.bibb@ministerial.qld.gov.au

From: Southern Downs Electorate Office [<mailto:Southern.Downs@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2013 12:17 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: FW: Fluoride tablets

Andrew

Do we have any information re this matter.

Thanks

Ian

From: Southern Downs Electorate Office
Sent: Friday, 28 June 2013 12:00 PM
To: Andrew Bibb (Andrew.Bibb@ministerial.qld.gov.au)
Subject: Fluoride tablets

Andrew

I have received an enquiry from a constituent who wants to know when free fluoride tablets were previously obtained through local councils – who paid for/subsidised the cost of these tablets and when did this programme cease.

Ian

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Kate Johnson

From: Kate Johnson
Sent: Tuesday, 26 February 2013 4:48 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: RE: re Qld Health Fluoride report

No idea! I haven't received anything....

Kate

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Office of the Hon. Campbell Newman MP | Premier of Queensland

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Great State. Great Opportunity.

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Any ideas?

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Sent: Wednesday, 6 February 2013 4:36 PM
To: Andrew Bibb; Rachael Parry
Subject: re Prof Paul Connett

Hi Andrew / Rachel, Prof Paul Connett is visiting next week from the USA and I would like to know if we can schedule an appointment for him to meet briefly with the Premier and Health Minister and of course on the matter of Fluoride.

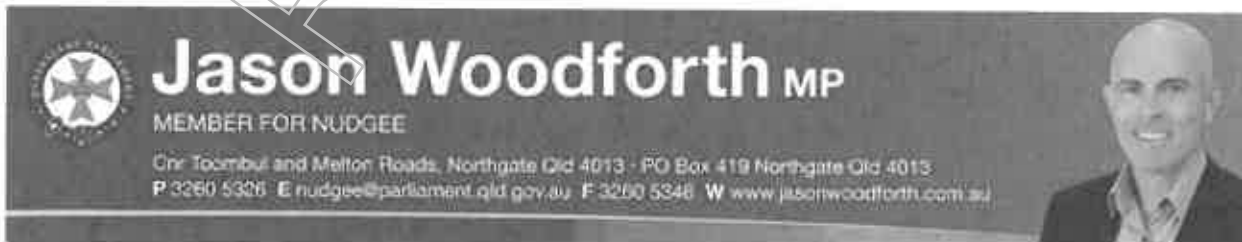
He would be available either Tuesday afternoon / evening, Thursday afternoon / evening or Friday morning.


I realise first week back things will be tight, but the Prof does not need much time, so it would be greatly appreciated if this could happen.


I look forward to your reply.

Kind Regards

Jason Woodforth MP



 **Jason Woodforth MP**
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Briefing Note for Noting

Director-General

Requested by: Deputy Director-General,
Health Service and Clinical Innovation

Date requested: 23 September 2013

Action required by: 23 September 2013

SUBJECT: Queensland Child Oral Health Survey Presentation

Proposal

That the Director-General:

Note that the key findings of the Queensland Child Oral Health Survey 2009-2011 (QCOHS) will be presented to the Deputy Director-General, Health Service and Clinical Innovation Division, and the Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Minister for Health.

Provide this brief to the Minister for noting.

Urgency

1. **Urgent** - The presentation is scheduled for 24 September 2013 at 1.00pm

Headline Issues

2. The top issues are:

- Emeritus Professor John Spencer and Associate Professor Loc Do from the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health (ARCPOH), The University of Adelaide, will be presenting the key findings of QCOHS.
- QCOHS involved clinical examinations and questionnaires for approximately 6,000 children aged 5 to 14 years, primarily to evaluate changes in the oral health of Queensland children as a result of the implementation of water fluoridation.
- The Office of the Chief Dental Officer (OCDO) conducted QCOHS in collaboration with ARCPOH and oral health staff from Hospital and Health Services (HHSs).

Blueprint

3. How does this align with the *Blueprint for Better Healthcare in Queensland*?

- Health and medical research.

Key Issues

4. The three aims of QCOHS were to:

- Provide baseline information about tooth decay, fluorosis, and perceptions of oral health amongst children aged 5 to 14 years.
- Identify factors that cause and factors that prevent tooth decay.
- Compare variations in child oral health across regions, by socioeconomic characteristics, and according to patterns of dental service use.

5. The two presenters from ARCPOH are both distinguished in the field of population oral health:

- Emeritus Professor Spencer is the Professor of Social and Preventive Dentistry and Founding Director of the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health. He is a leading contributor to oral health, dental practice and dental services information and policy in Australia through his involvement in population oral epidemiology and dental health services research. He is involved with editing a number of peer-reviewed dental journals, and has received a number of international and national awards recognising his contribution to dental research. He has published over 215 scientific papers and co-authored several book chapters and numerous research monographs.

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- Associate Professor Do, Principal Research Fellow, is a dentist and an oral epidemiologist with special interest in social and clinical oral epidemiology. He is a Chief Investigator of the National Child Oral Health Study and another study investigating the impact of socioeconomic inequality on child oral health.

Background

6. Nil

Consultation

7. Not applicable.

Financial implications

8. There are no financial implications.

Legal implications

9. There are no legal implications.

Attachments

10. Nil

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Recommendation

That the Director-General:

Note that the key findings of the Queensland Child Oral Health Survey 2009-2011 (QCOHS) will be presented to the Deputy Director-General, Health Service and Clinical Innovation Division, and the Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Minister for Health.

Provide this brief to the Minister for noting.

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Briefing Note for Noting
The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP
Minister for Health

Requested by: A/Deputy Director-General, Health Service and Clinical Innovation Date requested: 23/09/2013 Action required by: 23/09/2013

SUBJECT: Queensland Child Oral Health Survey Presentation

Recommendation
That the Minister:

Note that the key findings of the Queensland Child Oral Health Survey 2009-2011 (QCOHS) will be presented to the Deputy Director-General, Health Service and Clinical Innovation Division, and the Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Minister for Health, on 24 September 2013 at 1.00pm.

Note that the presentation will be delivered by two leaders in the field of population oral health in Australia, Emeritus Professor John Spencer and Associate Professor Loc Do from the Australian Research Centre for Population Oral Health, The University of Adelaide.

Note that QCOHS involved clinical examinations and questionnaires for approximately 6,000 children aged 5 to 14 years across Queensland.

Note that the aims of QCOHS were to:

- provide baseline information about tooth decay, fluorosis, and perceptions of oral health amongst children to evaluate changes in the oral health of Queensland children as a result of the implementation of water fluoridation
- identify factors that cause and factors that prevent tooth decay
- compare variations in child oral health across regions, by socioeconomic characteristics, and according to patterns of dental service use.

Note that the Office of the Chief Dental Officer conducted QCOHS in collaboration with The University of Adelaide and oral health staff from Hospital and Health Services.

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Minister's comments

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Jo Toghill

From: Jo Toghill
Sent: Wednesday, 21 August 2013 10:16 AM
To: Health
Subject: FW: Opening of Dental Update 2013

Courteney, this needs to be registered and go through the system please.

Jo

-----Original Message-----

From: Southern Downs Electorate Office [mailto:Southern.Downs@parliament.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Wednesday, 21 August 2013 9:46 AM
To: Jo Toghill
Subject: FW: Opening of Dental Update 2013

Jo

I haven't acknowledged this. I thought it prudent to send to you for the appropriate person to respond.
Thanks
Virginia

-----Original Message-----

From:
Sent: Monday, 19 August 2013 9:34 PM
To: Southern Downs Electorate Office
Subject: Opening of Dental Update 2013

Hon Lawrence Springborg.
Dear Sir,

Firstly thank you for opening this two day continuing professional development series of lectures.

I was dismayed at your remark about your excellent teeth despite being raised on tank water without any fluoridation. I am thrilled at your individual achievement but this has little to do with public policy.

Water fluoridation is a public health issue. Water fluoridation has been a proven benefit to public dental health worldwide. It is proven not by hysterical and ignorant ranting by ill informed public speakers but by sound world wide evidence based facts which stand the test of scientific journals. It is a safe and cost effective method of reducing community dental disease and the ongoing cost to the community of treating this avoidable dental damage.

History will record that the LNP reversed universal fluoridation of Queensland and are responsible for the increase in public dental disease and the cost of treating the resultant dental damage.

If individuals object to public water fluoridation they are able to filter out the fluoride from their water supply at their own expense.

The over whelming majority of people can then benefit from water fluoridation with improved dental health.

Yours sincerely,



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Jo Toghill

From: Burnett
Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 4:31 PM
To: Health
Subject: FW: Request for a Meeting - Fluoridation

FYI

Regards
Jain Henricksen
Electorate Officer
on behalf of Stephen Bennett MP
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From: Kim Ovens [<mailto:Kim.Ovens@bundaberg.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 4:04 PM
To: Burnett Electorate Office
Subject: RE: Request for a Meeting - Fluoridation

Hi Jain

Can we try and lock in 24 October 10-12noon.

Thanks

KIM OVENS EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO MAYOR
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From: Burnett Electorate Office [<mailto:BURNETT@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 1:20 PM
To: Minister for Health; Peter Byrne; Alan Bush
Cc: Kim Ovens
Subject: FW: Request for a Meeting - Fluoridation

For your information – Minister Crisafulli's availability.

Regards
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From: Sharyn Watkins [<mailto:Sharyn.Watkins@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 12:33 PM
To: Burnett Electorate Office
Subject: RE: Request for a Meeting - Fluoridation

Good afternoon Jain

Thank you for your email. During the week of 22 October, Minister Crisafulli has the following times available in Brisbane:

- 23 October 4-5.30pm
- 24 October 10-12noon and 4-6pm

I hope you can coordinate a meeting – apologies that he only has limited time that week.

I look forward to hearing from you and please don't hesitate to contact me if you require further information.

Regards

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From: Burnett Electorate Office [<mailto:BURNETT@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 4 October 2012 9:01 AM
To: Health
Cc: alan.bush@bundaberg.qld.gov.au; peter.byrne@bundaberg.qld.gov.au; Local Government
Subject: Request for a Meeting - Fluoridation

Good Morning

Stephen has been asked to facilitate a meeting between the Minister for Health, the Hon. Mr Lawrence Springborg and Councillor Alan Bush (Bundaberg Regional Council) and CEO Peter Byrne (Bundaberg Regional Council) to discuss Fluoridation of Bundaberg and Burnett water supplies.

Could I respectfully request a meeting time for the above parties to meet, preferably the week commencing 22nd October, as both Mr Bush and Mr Byrne will be in Brisbane attending the Local Government Association Queensland Conference.

Should you need, the contact details for Mr Bush and Mr Byrne are below:

Alan Bush -
Peter Byrne - 07 4130 4261

Thank you for your time. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

Regards
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Jo Toghill

From: Neil Hamilton Smith
Sent: Friday, 28 September 2012 1:34 PM
To: Jo Toghill
Subject: FW: Meeting request with Lawrence Springborg MP

Can we do?

Neil

From: Malcolm Forman [<mailto:Mal.Forman@bundaberg.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Thursday, 27 September 2012 3:20 PM
To: Neil Hamilton Smith
Subject: Meeting request with Lawrence Springborg MP

27 September 2012

Neil Hamilton Smith
Office of Minister for Health
Lawrence Springborg MP

Dear Neil

Thanks for getting back to me this morning and bringing me up to speed with the 'Amendment of the Act' later in the year, around November / December.

I am requesting a meeting with Minister Lawrence Springborg as soon as possible to discuss the fluoridation of our water supply amongst other things.

Again thank you for your time this morning and as you could gather we are not very happy here in Bundaberg but we will push on and look forward to meeting the Minister.

Regards,

Mal Forman
Mayor

MAL FORMAN
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Jo Toghill

From: Queensland Dental Group <qldentalg@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 14 October 2013 3:48 PM
To: Jo Toghill
Subject: Minister for Health - invitation for DU2014
Attachments: DENTAL UPDATE 2014 Course Information Brochure.pdf

Good afternoon Jo,

Further to the below email sent a few moments ago, please find attached herewith the 'Dental Update 2014' event information brochure.

Kind regards,

Dr Farid Khan
Director

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From: Queensland Dental Group [<mailto:qldentalg@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, 14 October 2013 3:45 PM
To: 'Jo Toghill'
Subject: Minister for Health - invitation for DU2014

Good afternoon Jo,

Hope your week has started well.

To the next email to follow this one in a few moments time, I will attach the official 'Dental Update 2014' event information brochure. Further to our invitation sent in mid-August to the Minister to open the 'Dental Update 2014' event in August next year, does the morning of Friday the 15th of August fit into his schedule?

Kind regards,

Dr Farid Khan
Director

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From: Jo Toghill [<mailto:Jo.Toghill@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2013 2:59 PM

To: Queensland Dental Group

Subject: RE: Minister for Health - 'Dental Update 2013' - and invitation for DU2014

Thanks Farid, I will pass those on to the Minister. I will also speak with him about the invitation for Dental Update 2014.

Kind regards



Jo Toghill

Personal Assistant

Office of Minister for Health

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From: Queensland Dental Group [<mailto:qldentalg@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2013 2:54 PM
To: Jo Toghill; Lachlan Brennan
Subject: Minister for Health - 'Dental Update 2013' - and invitation for DU2014

Good afternoon Jo and Lachlan,

Further to the below email sent a few moments ago, some of the official photos from 'Dental Update 2013' are attached herewith. Dignitaries are named in order from left to right.

DU 2013 Photo 1: Professor Hien Ngo, A/Professor David Thomson, Dr Sue Taji, The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Dr Farid Khan, A/Professor Alex Moule, A/Professor Alex Forrest

DU 2013 Photo 2: Mrs Renate Khan, The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Dr Farid Khan, Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Professor Laurence Walsh, Dr Sue Taji, Mr Tausif Khan, A/Professor David Thomson

DU2013 Photo 3: Dr Sue Taji, Dr Farid Khan, The Honourable Lawrence Springborg MP, Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Professor Laurence Walsh

Kind regards,

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From: Queensland Dental Group [<mailto:qldentalg@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, 20 August 2013 2:45 PM







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To: 'Jo.Toghill@ministerial.qld.gov.au'; 'lachlan.brennan@ministerial.qld.gov.au'
Subject: RE: Minister for Health - 'Dental Update 2013' - and invitation for DU2014

Good afternoon Jo and Lachlan,

Hope your week is off to a good start.

Once again, please pass our thanks across to the Minister for joining us at 'Dental Update 2013' last Friday.

The Minister's opening address for the event was well received by close to two hundred dental practitioners from across Australia and New Zealand, who were in attendance at the event. The event was a success and the keynote presenter Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes from Canada, past ADA president Professor David Thomson and Professors Alex Moule, Hien Ngo and Alex Forrest all thoroughly enjoyed the morning tea with the Minister and the productive communications that ensued.

Lachlan, as requested some of the official photographs and relevant details will be forwarded with the next email to follow this one.

All is set for 'Dental Update 2014'. The event will bring together six elite presenters including an unprecedented three current deans who will join us to present at the event: Professor Eric Reynolds from the University of Melbourne, Professor Greg Seymour from the University of Otago, New Zealand and Professor Laurence Walsh from the University of Queensland. Other presenters include the Chairman of the Australian Dental Research Foundation, Professor Ian Meyers, the Head of the Paediatric Dentistry & Orthodontics Department at Westmead Hospital Sydney, A/Professor Angus Cameron and Prosthodontist Dr Michael Mandikos.

Again it would indeed be a great honour to have the Minister join us for the start of the event and to give the opening address for 'Dental Update 2014' on Friday the 15th of August 2014 at 8:00 am. The official invitation is attached herewith and we look forward to hearing from you as to whether this will fit into the Minister's schedule for next year.

Kind regards,

Dr Farid Khan
Director

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From: Jo Toghill [<mailto:Jo.Toghill@ministerial.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 12 August 2013 2:18 PM
To: Queensland Dental Group
Subject: RE: Invitation for the Minister for Health to provide the opening speech and inaugurate the 'Dental Update 2013' event this Friday

Fabulous, thanks Farid. I will pass that information on to the Minister.

Regards

Jo

From: Queensland Dental Group [mailto:qldentalg@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 12 August 2013 1:52 PM

To: Jo Toghill

Subject: RE: Invitation for the Minister for Health to provide the opening speech and inaugurate the 'Dental Update 2013' event this Friday

Good afternoon Jo,

Hope your week has started well.

All is set for the 'Dental Update 2013' event this Friday and we look forward to the Minister for Health providing the opening address for the event. The concierge team at the Stamford Plaza Hotel have ben pre-advised of the Minister's itinerary and will accompany the Minister at 7:45 am to the Stanley Room, which is located on the ground floor. From there, Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Professor Laurence Walsh and ourselves will accompany the Minister to the Grand Ballroom for his opening address at 8:00 and morning tea thereafter.

Kind regards,

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From: Jo Toghill [mailto:Jo.Toghill@ministerial.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Monday, 22 July 2013 2:27 PM

To: Queensland Dental Group

Subject: RE: Invitation for the Minister for Health to provide the opening speech and inaugurate the 'Dental Update 2013' event - Attachments herewith

Farid, those documents have all been received, thank you.

Jo

From: Queensland Dental Group [mailto:qldentalg@hotmail.com]

Sent: Monday, 22 July 2013 12:41 PM

To: Jo Toghill

Subject: Invitation for the Minister for Health to provide the opening speech and inaugurate the 'Dental Update 2013' event - Attachments herewith

Good afternoon Jo,

Further to the below email sent a few moments ago, please find attached herewith the additional information in PDF format:

- (1) DENTAL UPDATE 2013 Presenter Backgrounds
- (2) DENTAL UPDATE 2013 Course information brochure ✓
- (3) Itinerary for the Minister for Health for the event

Given the sizes of the PDF attachments, please confirm their receipt.

Kind regards,

Dr Farid Khan
Director

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From: Queensland Dental Group [<mailto:qldentalg@hotmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2013 12:36 PM
To: 'jo.toghill@ministerial.qld.gov.au'
Subject: RE: Invitation for the Minister for Health to provide the opening speech and inaugurate the 'Dental Update 2013' event

Good morning Jo,

Hope this email finds you well.

We are in the final stages of preparing for the **'Dental Update 2013 -- A New Era in Dental CE'** event in mid-August and are looking forward to the Minister for Health opening the event and providing the opening address on Friday the 16th of August 2013. Thus far 160 registrations have been received from dentists across Australian and New Zealand.

I will forward the background of the six professors presenting at the event with the next email to follow this one.

As detailed further in the PDF, the keynote presenter is Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes who is flying in from Canada for the event. Professor Dawes was Editor of the internationally renowned journal, the prestigious Journal of Dental Research, for nearly a decade and has been involved in Oral Biology and specifically Salivary Research for five decades. Recently, in May 2013, he received the prestigious Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Dental Association, the award recognising outstanding contributions to the dental profession and the dental community.

In attendance for the morning tea with the Minister immediately after his address will be:

Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Canada
A/Professor David Thomson, past President, Australian Dental Association (Federal) 2000-2002
Professor Ian Meyers, Chairman, Australian Dental Research Foundation
Professor Hien Ngo, University of Kuwait
Mr Paul Andrews, CEO, Australian Dental Association (Queensland Branch)
Dr Farid Khan, Director Queensland Dental Group
Dr Sue Taji, Mr Tausif Khan, Mrs Renate Khan, Queensland Dental Group

An event summary brochure and the Minister's itinerary for the morning will also be attached to the next email. Please let me know that the email following this one (with the three PDFs attached) is received by your email server.

Kind regards,

Dr Farid Khan
Director



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NHMRC Public Statement: Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridation

Summary information

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Synopsis

The aim of a 2007 NHMRC systematic review of fluoride and health was to synthesise high level evidence in relation to the efficacy and safety of different forms of fluoridation, with emphasis on those able to be delivered as a widespread public health initiative. Methods of fluoride delivery reviewed were water, milk, salt and topical agents such as toothpaste and gels, though the evidence for water fluoridation is the most extensive.

NHMRC Public Statement: The Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridation 2007

2013 Council consideration regarding the status of the Public Statement

NHMRC Council considered the NHMRC Public Statement on The Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridation at its meeting on 21 June 2013. Council reaffirmed its position that "Fluoridation of drinking water remains the most effective and socially equitable means of achieving community-wide exposure to the caries prevention effects of fluoride. It is recommended that water be fluoridated in the target range of 0.6 to 1.1 mg/L, depending on climate, to balance reduction of dental caries and occurrence of dental fluorosis".

Council recommended that the Office of the NHMRC update the body of evidence to include more recent studies and assess their relevance in the Australian context.

This follows advice received from an Expert Meeting held on 20 June 2013 on water fluoridation, which included jurisdictional representatives and a range of technical experts.

Additional resources

- [A Systematic Review of the Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridation Part A \(PDF, 1.66MB\)](#)
- [A Systematic Review of the Efficacy and Safety of Fluoridation Part B \(PDF, 1.43MB\)](#)

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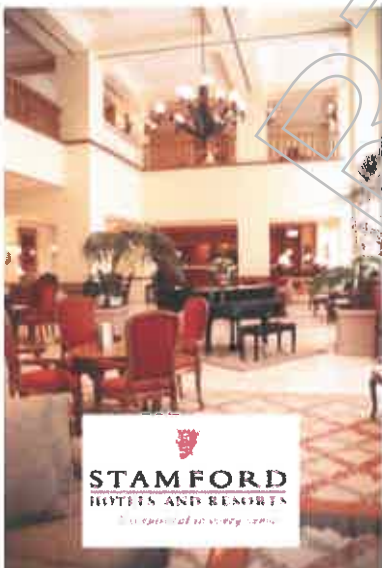
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Itinerary for the Minister for Health at 'Dental Update 2013'

**Stamford Plaza Hotel, Brisbane
Friday, 16th August 2013**

7:45 am

Arrival at Concierge

Concierge will accompany minister to the Stanley Room to be greeted by:

Queensland Dental Group Representatives,

Dr Sue Taji, Dr Farid Khan, Mr Tausif Khan & Mrs Renate Khan

Head of School, The University of Queensland School of Dentistry

Professor Laurence Walsh

Keynote Presenter

Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Canada

7:55 am:

Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Professor Laurence Walsh, Dr Sue Taji and Dr Farid Khan accompany the Minister to the Grand Ballroom.

7:58 am:

Photograph with dignitaries in the Grand Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am:

Proceed to the Grand Ballroom

Address by the Director of the Queensland Dental Group, Dr Farid Khan, who will officially welcome the minister to give his opening address

8:03 am – 8:08 am:

Minister's opening address

8:10 am:

Minister is accompanied by Dr Sue Taji & Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes out of the ballroom, to join a handful of dignitaries for photographs in the foyer and thereafter taken to the Stanley Room for a morning tea

8:15 am:

Morning tea at the Stanley Room

In attendance:

Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes, Canada

A/Professor David Thomson, Australian Dental Association President (Federal) 2000-2002

Professor Ian Meyers, Chairman, Australian Dental Research Foundation

Professor Hien Ngo, University of Kuwait

Mr Paul Andrews, CEO, Australian Dental Association Queensland Branch

Dr Farid Khan, Director Queensland Dental Group

Dr Sue Taji, Mr Tausif Khan, Mrs Renate Khan, Queensland Dental Group

Presenter Background for 'Dental Update 2013'

Keynote Presenter:

Emeritus Professor Colin Dawes obtained an honours degree (B.Sc.) in physiology and a degree (B.D.S.) in dental surgery from Manchester University and a Ph.D. in oral physiology from the University of Durham under the supervision of Prof. Neil Jenkins. His postdoctoral work was with Prof. James H. Shaw of Harvard University. Subsequent academic appointments were at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, where he is currently Professor Emeritus. In May 2013 he received the prestigious Distinguished Service Award from the Canadian Dental Association. The award recognises outstanding contributions to the dental profession and the dental community. Professor Dawes has carried out research on many aspects of saliva, including the factors influencing its flow rate and composition. He developed a now well-accepted model of salivary clearance and was the first to recognise that saliva in the mouth forms a thin film of average thickness <0.1 mm. He developed methods of estimating the film velocity in different regions of the mouth and postulated its role in xerostomia and in the site-specificity of dental caries, calculus deposition and erosion. He has also collaborated in the development of mathematical and physical modelling of the diffusion of materials between the salivary film and dental plaque. He has published over 220 scientific articles, given over 215 invited lectures in 27 different countries, and was the Editor of the Journal of Dental Research from 1983-93.

Professor Laurence Walsh is Professor of Dental Science at the University of Queensland School of Dentistry and is a specialist in special needs dentistry. Professor Walsh has published and presented widely at national and international levels. He has played a leading role in developing and assessing new clinical techniques in the areas of laser surgery, accelerated bleaching, and treatments for reversing tetracycline stains and white spot lesions.

Associate Professor David Thomson was the Federal President of the Australian Dental Association 2000-02, Australian Council of Professions President 2005-07 and a Councillor for the FDI World Dental Federation 2003-08. He completed his B.D.Sc at the University of Queensland in 1970 and his Masters in Dental Science in the field of Prosthodontics. He was a Visiting Professor, Northwestern University Chicago 1979-80. He has been a registered specialist Prosthodontist since 1983 with a private practice on Wickham Terrace in Brisbane. He has been involved in teaching both to undergraduate and post-graduate students at the UQ Dental School on a part-time basis since 1984. Since 2004 he has been an Associate Professor at the University of Queensland Dental School with responsibilities for third and fourth year prosthodontics. He gained fellowship in the RACDS in 1981 and MRACDS (Pros) 2008 and was the College president 2004 - 06. He is also a fellow of the International College of Dentists, Academy of Dentistry International and the Pierre Fauchard Academy. With this involvement he still manages a private prosthodontic practice with interests in all aspects of contemporary dental practice.

Professor Ian Meyers is currently in general dental practice in Brisbane, Australia and has honorary professorial positions with The University of Queensland School of Dentistry, and James Cook University School of Medicine and Dentistry. Ian has worked in both public and private dental clinics and has been involved with The University of Queensland over two decades. He was the 2010 President of the Queensland Branch of the Australian Dental Association. He is a product consultant to a range of dental companies and has been a member and chairman of the ADA Dental Instruments, Materials and Equipment Committee. He is a member of the International Association

for Dental Research, Chairman of the Australian Dental Research Foundation and a member of the editorial board of The Australian Dental Journal and several other international journals. He is a member of the Board of Studies, and chairman of the Examinations Committee, for the MRACDS program. His major interests include adhesive restorative dental materials, diagnosis and management of the worn dentition, minimum intervention dentistry, and teaching and clinical development in general practice dentistry.

Professor Hien Ngo has extensive experience in private practice, research and education. He was the principal of a dental practice located in the business district of Adelaide for 18 years. As a researcher, he is active in the areas of dental materials and cariology. As an educator, he has published and lectured extensively internationally on dental materials, minimal intervention dentistry and cariology. He was instrumental to the establishment of the "Minimal Intervention" concept at several dental schools in Australia and Asia. He has recently been invited to join the Kuwait University to lead the implementation of Minimal Intervention to this part of the world.

Associate Professor Alex Moule is a specialist endodontist with over 25 years experience in endodontic practice. Before moving to Kuwait University, he was the principal of a large endodontic practice with branches in Brisbane, Toowoomba and the Gold Coast. He is registered as a specialist endodontist in Australia and in the United Kingdom. He is a past president of the Australian and New Zealand Academy of Endodontists and a member of the Australian Society of Endodontology for 35 years. Prior to his move into private practice Alex taught dentistry both internationally and in Australia. He completed his Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1979. He holds Associate Professorship positions at both Kuwait University and the University of Queensland. He is still active in dental research and was the founder and coordinator of the Brisbane Endodontic Research Group, Foundation Chairman of the Australian Society of Endodontology Research Grants committee and until recently chairman of Australian Society of Endodontology Teachers Committee. He has supervised numerous research theses at a number of universities and has published one book and over 40 refereed research publications. Alex is currently a Director of the International Association of Dental Traumatology, an international body dedicated to the teaching of Dental Traumatology worldwide. His standing in the dental community has been recognized by the award of International Fellowships including the International College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International and the Pierre Fauchard Society. He is an active member of several international editorial advisory committees including the Journal of Endodontics and the International Endodontic Journal. For many years he was on the Editorial Board of the Australian Endodontic Journal.



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RTI RELEASE



Colleen Miller

From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Monday, 9 July 2012 7:21 AM
To: Health Office
Subject: FW: FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER

Please note the following below regarding fluoride

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The Hon Lawrence Springborg, MP
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E-Mail: andrew.bibb@ministerial.qld.gov.au

From: Paul Leven
Sent: Friday, 6 July 2012 5:43 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Cc: Peter Walsh; Kate Johnson
Subject: RE: FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER

Andrew.

- We're waiting for a sign off from the Premier on a brief on fluoride projects. To enable Councils to cease / delay fluoride projects, there would need to be changes to regulation / legislation.
- However, there are a couple of directions already:
 - If the project has substantially progressed, it is likely that it will be required to proceed to completion (eg Doomadgee Council).
 - If the project is not commenced, the Premier will consider allowing the Council to explore other options (eg Maranoa Regional Council).
- Suggest at this time that individual Councils need to write to the Premier, providing details of the progress they have made toward finalising fluoridation arrangements, and seeking advice on the way forward.

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Paul Leven | Senior Policy Advisor
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Phone: (07) 3225 8004 | Mobile:

From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Friday, 6 July 2012 2:17 PM
To: Mirani
Subject: RE: FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER

I am waiting for a directive out of Premier's re fluoride at the moment.

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E-Mail: andrew.bibb@ministerial.qld.gov.au

From: Mirani Electorate Office [<mailto:Mirani@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 6 July 2012 12:45 PM
To: Andrew Bibb
Subject: FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER
Importance: High

Hi Andrew

Not sure if this comes under health or not, so pls let me know if isn't. If it is, then do we have any advice that can be used to respond to the many emails and letters that are still coming in about it?

Thank you.

Kind regards

Karen Farrell | Electorate Officer |
TED MALONE MP | Member for Mirani
Ph: 4956 1555 | Fax: 4956 1980 |
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From Mark Wood
To Colleen Miller
Date Friday, 25 January 2013 8:38:06 AM
Cc
Subject FW: Availability of fluoride at local pharmacies
Colleen,
For your information

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From: Sdlo [mailto:SDLO@health.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 25 January 2013 8:31 AM
To: Mark Wood
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: RES: Availability of fluoride at local pharmacies
Importance: High

Hi Mark,

The Department no longer recommends the routine use of fluoride supplements for the general population for the following reasons:

- the beneficial effect of fluoride is predominately topical, not systemic. That is, the beneficial effect is the result of the fluoride ion coming into direct contact with the surface of the teeth rather than the ingestion of fluoride;
- unlike water fluoridation, the use of fluoride supplements is associated with infrequent topical application, thereby limiting their effectiveness;
- those who take fluoride supplements regularly are rarely in the high risk groups for developing dental caries;
- long term compliance for those who are at higher risk of developing dental caries is poor; and
- in the United States fatalities have resulted from children consuming an overdose of fluoride tablets.

It is acknowledged that fluoride tablets are now very difficult to purchase because, due to the low demand nationally, suppliers and manufacturers do not see it commercially viable to make fluoride tablets available in Australia. If in a specific case the use of fluoride supplements is recommended, the dental professional should be able to source a product for the individual patient from a compounding pharmacy. The Professional Compounding Chemists of Australia Pty Ltd are also able to provide contact details for compounding pharmacies nationally and can be contacted toll free on 1300 722 269.

Many thanks
Simone

Simone Ryder
A/Senior Departmental Liaison Officer
Office of the Director-General
Ph: 3234 0826

Mob: >>> Mark Wood <Mark.Wood@ministerial.qld.gov.au> 1/22/2013 3:35 pm >>>

Hello,

Are we able to provide any information on this claim?

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Mark Wood | Senior Policy Officer**Office of The Hon. Lawrence Springborg, MP** | Minister for Health

147-163 Charlotte Street, Brisbane, Qld, 4000

Telephone: 07 3234 1191 | Fax: 07 3229 0444

E-Mail: mark.wood@ministerial.qld.gov.au

From: Colleen Miller**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 January 2013 3:18 PM**To:** Mark Wood**Subject:** Availability of fluoride at local pharmacies

Hello:

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Cheers

Colleen

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From: Colleen Miller
Sent: Monday, 26 November 2012 9:33 AM
To: Jo Toghill
Subject: Francis Hancock ABC News Bundaburg 4155 4930 Wants to set up an interview this afternoon about fluoridation in Bundaburg

RTI RELEASE

Colleen Miller

From: Colleen Miller
Sent: Tuesday, 18 September 2012 11:58 AM
To: Cameron Thompson
Subject: Please Call Steve Bennett Indigenous Well Being Centre 4159 1988 or
He would like clarification of Minister's comments of yesterday on fluoride.

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RTI RELEASE SE

Colleen Miller

From: Colleen Miller
Sent: Wednesday, 26 September 2012 4:52 PM
To: Mark Wood
Subject: Please call Mayor Mel Forman Mayor of Bundaberg Regional Conference 4130 4264 Re: exemption from Fluoridation (his letter is on your desk) he has been told that he did not fill out the correct forms!

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From: Andrew Blow
Sent: Tuesday, 11 December 2012 2:39 PM
To: Press Secretaries; Premiers Office; Backbenchers; Electorate Offices; Ministers_All; Assistant Ministers; Policy Advisors; Chiefs of Staff; Media Reporters
Subject: GOVERNMENT FYI: Premier's Transcript - Doorstop at South Bank handover - 11th December 2012
Attachments: 20121211 South Bank handover doorstop.docx

Please find attached and below a transcript of the Premier's doorstop at the South Bank handover.



**PREMIER OF QUEENSLAND
THE HON. CAMPBELL NEWMAN
SOUTH BANK HANDOVER
DOORSTOP
Tuesday 11 December 2012**

Subjects: South Bank handover; Health payroll commission; follow up to Costello report; fluoridation; NDIS

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PREMIER:

Ladies and gentlemen it's great to be here today at the South Bank parklands with Lord Mayor Graham Quirk to finalise a memoranda of understanding which will see the control of the Southbank area going across to the Brisbane City Council. So, planning and development assessment powers will go back to the council for this precinct but the council will also be taking over the management of the parklands component of the South Bank area to manage it appropriately for the people of Brisbane and the people of Queensland. It's the appropriate way for the parklands to be run because the BCC do a fantastic job of running parks and gardens right across the city. This also will be the case with the Roma St Parklands as well. The background ladies and gentlemen is that back in 1992 during the second reading speech, then Premier Wayne Goss indicated that there would come a point where the work of the corporation in developing this land would be complete and that the planning and development assessment powers should go back to the BCC. In a sense, he was saying that one day the corporation will have done its job and the BCC then should take on that responsibility. The other thing that I say today is that our government's agenda is about local empowerment. Wherever possible this government is giving out authority and responsibility and resources, whether it be to councils and the changes that we've made to the Local Government Act and the City of Brisbane Act, or to, for example, local hospital health boards, so that local communities can be in charge of their own destiny. This decision and this signing today is totally consistent with that. I am very, very confident the Lord Mayor and his team will do an excellent job in running this great precinct here at Southbank, but also the precinct over at Roma St and I know ultimately it's a better outcome for taxpayers and ratepayers. In terms of the deal, just to give you a bit of a feel at this stage,

essentially it's just that the funding that the State Government is currently spending is about ten million budgeted a year. That will be going across to the BCC to do the job but the BCC will do that job for Queenslanders. Lord Mayor.

LORD MAYOR:

Yeah thanks very much Premier. Well we've reached a point where we have an agreement around a way forward for South Bank and Roma St Parklands and as the Premier said I think there is a win/win outcome in this. There will be I think some savings to be made for the state. There'll also be some opportunities through innovation for Brisbane City Council as well. So essentially, how it will work, is that we will look after the maintaining and operations of the parklands here but the state will retain the ownership of the residential, the retail and commercial aspects of South Bank. In terms of this area though, as the Premier said, we will look after the Parklands. It's the sort of things that local government does best. We will be transferring the staff from both Roma St Parklands and South Bank over to council though the first twelve months of that transfer will be retention of their existing arrangements with the state awards. They will then come on to...as part of the EBA of Brisbane City Council and I just say to those staff firstly that, of course by coming across to council you join an organisation that will not just be looking after South Bank and Roma St but indeed thousands of parks across the city including botanic gardens and the like. So there'll be opportunities for those staff if they want to go beyond even the looking after of South Bank and Roma St Parklands as an opportunity for them. But this is an opportunity for, as I say, state taxpayers and Brisbane City Council ratepayers to gain an advantage out of this arrangement by both doing what we do best.

REPORTER:

So what's going to happen to the Southbank Corporation?

LORD MAYOR:

Well the corporation as it is will cease to exist. But there may be some over-viewing body and that is something that Council is currently looking at to determine how that might work. But certainly the large scale corporation that did exist in terms of a board arrangement, that will cease.

REPORTER:

And the ten million dollars a year, is that going to cover cost, or is council going to have to stump up some extra money to help manage the buffer?

LORD MAYOR:

Well, look it's going to be done by an open book arrangement, so Ernst & Young are engaged. They will be over-viewing the operations in the first 12 months. That will, as I say, provide an open book arrangement so the rate payers are not out of pocket and it will mean that we will, through innovation, again be able to obtain some savings. See one of the things with Southbank also, and indeed with Roma Street Parklands, is we will get Brisbane Marketing also engaged. We think that there are some further opportunities for activation and that on this site. And there is again share arrangement that can apply both to the rate payers of Brisbane and the tax payers of Queensland. That's where we will get some uplift, and by again, doing what we do best in terms of park maintenance, maintaining as a minimum the standard the exists here, both here at Southbank and indeed at Roma Street Parklands at the same time.

REPORTER:

Can you guarantee rate payers won't be out of pocket?

LORD MAYOR:

Yes I can.

REPORTER:

Will rate payers be up for any more costs in this agreement given the fact that Council has taken over?

LORD MAYOR:

No, we won't be up for any more costs because the arrangements are that we will be paid an operating fee, and that fee will be an open book where we will show our costs to the State, and that will be overseen by Ernst & Young as an over viewing body. And so that is where we are at. That's why we've got a situation where we will not be out of pocket, as the rate payers of the council, the Brisbane City Council, but equally the State has some opportunities for savings and some uplift through innovation.

REPORTER:

State matters, Premier?

PREMIER:

So, we're finished with Roma Street? State matters, yes, over to you.

REPORTER:

The inquiry into the Health payroll debacle before Christmas, what's your intention there, is it going to a full blown commission or what?

PREMIER:

Well look, I'm not in a position to actually make any announcement today. I say to you, watch this space. We have had a lot of feedback from Queenslanders who are saying 'don't let this one be swept under the carpet. You have to open and transparently enquire in to how 1.2 billion dollars of tax payer funds were wasted,' Queenslanders are saying they want they answers to we are responding to that. And as soon as we can, we will make an announcement on that.

REPORTER:

What's the sticking point [inaudible], are you [inaudible] witnesses?

PREMIER:

Well, look at this stage I am just not in a position yet to actually let people know. I just assure Queenslanders that we will not be sweeping this under the carpet. We are determined to get to the bottom of how 1.2 billion dollars was wasted.

REPORTER:

Clearly there will be a cost involved in that though Premier. Is that just a price that has to be paid?

PREMIER:

Well that's obviously something we are weighing up and that is why I am not in a position yet to talk about any outcome or way forward. But I just assure people we will not let this go. We will not let it be swept under the carpet.

REPORTER:

How long before we could be seeing a decision?

PREMIER:

I am hoping that we can make a decision certainly before Christmas.

REPORTER:

The follow up to the Costello Report, when are we going to see that?

PREMIER:

Ah look, my understanding is that a draft has been provided to the Treasurer. I haven't seen it yet and as soon as we can we will be releasing that.

REPORTER:

If there is the implication there that there is room for more public service cuts, is that something you are open to?

PREMIER:

I have said very clearly that the announced changes that we've made and the cost savings we've had to implement are the extent of what we will be doing.

REPORTER:

You can guarantee there'll be no more?

PREMIER:

Well, that's what I've said. Absolutely. That's our position. That's what we said at the time of the budget that we had to make hard decisions, but they would be the decisions. And then we can get the state back on track. I'll make the point, ladies and gentlemen, that we are probably at least 55-60% through that very difficult and traumatic process, but it is proceeding and proceeding in the way that we said. And it is delivering the savings that will ultimately get this state back in the black in two years-time.

REPORTER:

What sort of feedback have you had from councils about the fluoride issue?

PREMIER:

Well, I haven't had any yet, directly to me, other than, honestly, I had the Tablelands Council write to me some weeks ago saying they didn't want to implement it up there. Just on fluoride, here's the government's position: We totally, unequivocally support the fluoridation of water across Queensland and we would urge councils to have fluoridation programs. But consistent with our policy as a government of local empowerment, we believe that one size fits all, big brother approaches from Brisbane are not the way to go

and that is why this government believes this and other decisions are best placed in local hands. But again, we urge councils to either implement fluoridation or certainly maintain it if they've already got it.

REPORTER:

Mr Woodforth clearly has quite extreme views on it. Are you happy for him to keep speaking publicly?

PREMIER:

Well, contrary to some of the nonsense that's spoken about, sort of, my team and I on occasions, I actually don't mind a debate and I don't mind people airing their views. I don't agree with him. Neither do the team, I believe. There might be some people who have the same views, but if he wants to express an opinion, that's fine by me. But, I don't agree...

REPORTER:

He says it's more than a few of your team that agree with him.

PREMIER:

Well, that's his opinion.

REPORTER:

Is he wrong?

PREMIER:

Well, I don't believe that's the case. Absolutely. And I believe there is strong support across the Queensland community. Any poll that's ever taken shows that people strongly support fluoridation and I make the point that you'd be hard-pressed to find people who would say we're using non-fluoridated toothpaste. Now, that's really the proof of the pudding. All the toothpaste we buy in the supermarket, ladies and gentlemen, is fluoridated. It's very hard to find stuff that isn't, so if you then think about that for a moment, it actually is rather a sobering reality.

REPORTER:

Are you likely to allow councils then to decide on something like daylight savings, whether they should have them?

PREMIER:

No, of course not. How would that work Sarah Vogler? Courier Mail. This is a novel...

REPORTER:

Seventy-three different time zones, I think is a really good...

PREMIER:

I'm not sure how we would introduce that one...

REPORTER:

I've got one more. NDIS. Have you taken a plan to Cabinet on that one?

PREMIER:

NDIS. Cabinet have discussed NDIS. And we are looking at what NSW have agreed with the Commonwealth. I alluded to this on Friday that we were, sort of pleased that we now had an idea of what the Commonwealth was prepared to do in terms of a funding agreement. The New South Wales agreement is being studied by us as we speak and again we would hope that we could ultimately put a proposal forward to actually be involved in the full-blown NDIS. But again, watch this space.

[ENDS]

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From: Michael Moore <mmoore@phaa.net.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2013 11:26 AM
To: Jeannette_Young@health.qld.gov.au
Cc: Mark Wood
Subject: Commending you on Fluoride action
Attachments: 130121 Letter to Qld CHO.pdf

Dr Jeanette Young
CHO Queensland Government

Dear Dr Young,

Please find attached a letter of commendation for your positive action on fluoride.

This email has been copied to the Minister's office through his senior policy advisor – Mark Wood. We also appreciate the support that the Minister offered to your approach to fluoridation.



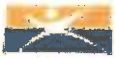
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Mark Wood

From: Kate Johnson
Sent: Monday, 17 December 2012 3:16 PM
To: Mark Wood
Subject: FW: Seeking approval for Fluoride Standard : DOC/12/237266
Attachments: Draft fluoride standard words.DOCX

Hi,

Can you send me the new QH standard on Fluoride?

FYI - DPC drafted the attached which I'm not happy with.

Many Thanks,

Kate

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From: Pamela Richardson [<mailto:Pamela.Richardson@premiers.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 17 December 2012 9:33 AM
To: Kate Johnson
Cc: Bec McCoan; Jan Hatton; Nadia Cecil
Subject: FW: Seeking approval for Fluoride Standard : DOC/12/237266

For your approval Kate.

Please indicate the signing preference given that ECU are holding 25 pieces to date, with regular inwards on the same topic.

Pam Richardson

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Hi Pam

ECU is seeking approval of the attached standard text to respond to correspondence regarding Fluoride.

We are currently holding 25 pieces of correspondence with ECU.

It would be appreciated if you could please seek advice from the Premiers Office on whether content is approved and/ whether letters will be signed personally or via electronic signature.

Thanks

Jan

Jan Hatton

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To: Sdlo; Mark Wood
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: Fw: Fwd: Fluoride standard ((am) recd)
Attachments: Fwd: Fluoride standard ((am) recd)

Importance: High

**** High Priority ****

Hi mark, we are awaiting feedback from neil - he's reviewing the draft.

Regards,

Jess

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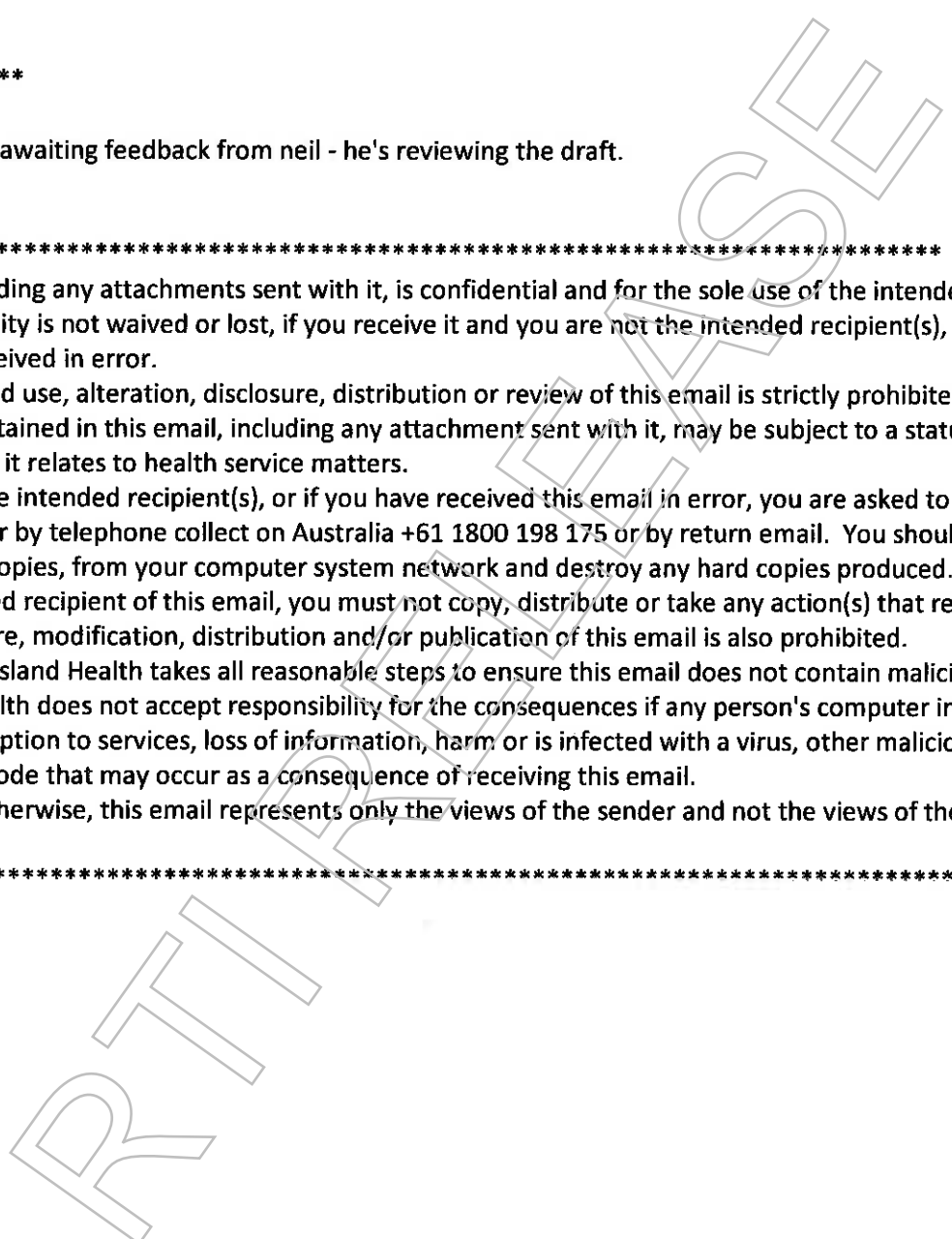
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Dear Salutation

Thank you for your letter of *insert text* regarding the fluoridation of *insert text*.

The Government has decided to re-establish a role for local authorities in the decision making process and has introduced amendments into Parliament to give back control of fluoridation to local authorities and their constituents.

These changes will mean that communities which are still considering options for fluoride treatment will decide for themselves if, and when to, proceed. This reflects the Government's strong commitment to local decision-making and I am confident will lead to greater accountability of local councils to the communities they serve. The amendments to the legislation also make absolutely clear that water suppliers must either fluoridate or cease fluoridating in accordance with the decision of the local council.

It will be important for local councils to fully understand the cost implications of their decisions and communicate this with local residents so an informed decision can be reached. It will be up to the local council to pay costs incurred by a water supplier in complying with the local council's decision. In cases where several councils are supplied by a single water entity, as is the case in South East Queensland, councils that choose to cease fluoridating their water supply will have to bear the full cost of removing themselves from that particular network.

The Government will work closely with councils to support informed debate and decision making at the local level. We will also continue to provide funding for fluoride infrastructure for those councils opting to proceed with fluoridation until 2014. More broadly, the Government continues to endorse fluoride treatment, given the undisputed dental health benefits it brings, and I am pleased that around 87 per cent of Queenslanders have fluoride in their local water supplies. However we have listened to people from all parts of Queensland and the changes we have made will give local councils and their constituents the chance to make their own decisions.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

RTI RELEASE

Mark Wood

From: Mark Wood <Mark.Wood@ministerial.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 17 December 2012 6:51 PM
To: SDLO@health.qld.gov.au
Subject: Fluoride standard

Good evening,
Are you able to tell me where we are up to in the fluoride standard?
Premiers office has requested we provide them with our version.

Mark

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From: Andrew Bibb
Sent: Wednesday, 19 December 2012 8:30 AM
To: Mark Wood
Subject: fluoride lines

Did these lines get up to DPC yesterday?

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Mark Wood

From: Jake Smith
Sent: Friday, 4 January 2013 11:32 AM
To: Mark Wood
Subject: [REDACTED]

No problems. May just be worth checking how long his letter has been with us unanswered.

Cheers

Jake

From: Mark Wood
Sent: Friday, 4 January 2013 11:29 AM
To: Cameron Thompson
Cc: Jake Smith
Subject: FW: Matthew Griffiths, Phone: 4152 9728 Bundaberg Fluoride
Importance: High

Hi Cameron,

No action required on this it's just a heads up.

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From: Sdlo [<mailto:SDLO@health.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Friday, 4 January 2013 11:11 AM
To: Mark Wood
Cc: Dan Harradine
Subject: [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Hi Mark

As discussed - some advice on the public meeting (Pro fluoride) being organised by [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] spoke to our DLO and indicated that the ABC 7.30 report have expressed interest in the meeting

[redacted] said that he has arranged a meeting for 10/1/13 in support of fluoride and that he wanted our local representatives to attend. The Environmental Health Unit is discussing with the Chief Dental Office if a member would go along as a representative of the Australian Dental Association rather than the Department of Health.

[redacted] said he has had no help with his local MP Jack Dempsey so he is now going to federal members.

He also said that the HM has not helped nor has he replied to his letters. (Once the Standards are approved the responses will be sent).

Let me know if you need any further advice.

regards
Helen

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Yep. Jake invited me to the meeting. All good!

Kate

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Did Jake tell you about staying for a 1pm meeting tomorrow?
It's to go over the first draft of Ministers 5th Feb speech

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Mark Wood

From: Colleen Miller
Sent: Tuesday, 22 January 2013 3:18 PM
To: Mark Wood
Subject: Availability of fluoride at local pharmacies

Hello:

called to inform our office that fluoride tablets and drops have not been easily available in QLD pharmacies for about 12 months. She said that she has family in the pharmacy business and they have had difficulties purchasing it.

She did not want a response, she merely was giving us a "heads up".

Cheers

Colleen

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