

## Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Advisory Committee Meeting 01-2019

Date and time: 11 October 2019, 10:15 am - 2:30 pm

Item	Key discussion points	Actions
<b>1. Welcome</b>		
1.1. Welcome and apologies	Apologies	
1.2. Committee terms of reference	Role of committee set out in <i>Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957</i> and Terms of Reference	
<b>2. Previous minutes</b>		
		Accepted without changes
<b>3. Public water supply fluoridation – expanding fluoridation coverage</b>		
	<p>Some areas flagged as having naturally occurring fluoride may not be able to be considered 'fluoridated'.</p> <p>Feasibility and effectiveness of fluoridation needs to consider local use of rainwater tanks. Fluoridation unlikely to be effective if most people do not drink tap water.</p>	

#### 4. Public water supply fluoridation – implementation and management

	<p>Fluoridation systems can be offline for repairs and upgrades. New systems may be built when a water treatment plant is upgraded. Some systems may have significant downtime to resolve these issues.</p>	<p>NSW Health to write to Councils with long term fluoride outages. Letter will request a timeline for returning to operation, and to offer support where required.</p> <p>In future, NSW Health to write to Councils when fluoridation systems are offline for greater than 3 months. Letter to be sent to General Manager, Mayor, Local Health District and Centre for Oral Health Strategy.</p> <p>NSW Health to look into contract for supply of bottled water to hospitals, and advocate for use of water containing fluoride.</p> <p>NSW Health to liaise with OLG about new Councillor induction in 2020 to include material about water supplies and fluoridation.</p>
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#### 5. NSW Health update

<p>5.1. NSW fluoridation reporting statistics</p>		<p>NSW Health to seek interstate or national data on performance of fluoridation systems in other jurisdictions for comparison with NSW.</p>
<p>5.2. Fluoridation programs and budget</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minister's commitment</li> <li>• Projects and support</li> <li>• Capital subsidy</li> </ul>	
<p>5.3. Research and investigation projects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Communications</li> <li>• Specific council support projects</li> <li>• SafeWork NSW WHS</li> </ul>	
<p>5.4. Training</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TAFE course and future</li> <li>• Other providers</li> </ul>	<p>NSW Health to consider whether unemployed people could complete the fluoridation course to seek employment with a Council.</p>

5.5. Legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Code of Practice review</li> </ul>	
5.6. Centre for Oral Health Strategy update	<p>COHS working with recently appointed Chair of Population Oral Health at Sydney University on a variety of research projects. Data from Gosford/Wyong study will be revisited for further analysis.</p> <p>Dental van program will provide services to primary schools in some areas of NSW. This will increase availability of services and collect data on oral health.</p>	
<b>6. Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Water update</b>		
6.1. Form 1 approvals		
6.2. Commissioning of new plants		
<b>7. Committee members update</b>		
<b>8. General business</b>		
8.1. Emerging research	Research on effectiveness of fluoridation released after the 2017 NHMRC review needs a pathway for consideration.	NSW Health to work with evidence and research experts to develop a process for reviewing emerging research.
8.2. TGA and therapeutic goods	TGA excluded fluoridated drinking water from registration under the TG Act.	
8.3. Committee membership 2020 and beyond	New nominee from LGNSW	NSW Health to note that new nominee from LGNSW should be from a regional NSW Council, preferably a Council providing drinking water services.
<b>9. Other business</b>		