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Dear Dr Hsing and Dr Yim,

Re: Water Fluoridation

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to fluoride in the Sunshine Coast Water Supply, Council has noted your position.

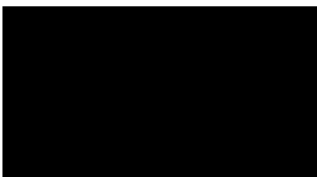
As you are aware, the fluoridation of water supplies in Queensland is regulated by the Queensland Government under the Water Fluoridation Act 2008.

The responsibility for water fluoridation in the Sunshine Coast local government area is managed by SEQwater, which is the bulk water entity for the South East Queensland (SEQ) Water Grid – a grid that supplies water to the 11 local government areas that constitute SEQ. I am advised that the concentration of fluoride in the water supplied by SEQwater remains on average at 0.8 milligrams per litre, complying with Queensland Health regulations.

As you point out, the decision as to whether fluoridation is in the best interests of the community is made by the relevant local government. Prior to ceasing fluoridation of a water supply that is currently fluoridated, a local government must have made a determination that ceasing fluoridation is in the best interests of the community.

Sunshine Coast Council is mindful of the evidence-based approach that underpins the decisions of the Queensland Government and SEQwater to maintain fluoridation of the water supply for SEQ.

Yours sincerely



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