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Dear Dr Hsing and Dr Yim

Thank you for your letter dated 11 November 2024, in relation to water fluoridation.

I acknowledge your support for Queensland's water fluoridation program and its associated health benefits to Queenslanders, regardless of their age, income, or employment status. I also appreciate the time you have taken in recent months to lobby the local governments in Cairns and Gympie in relation to fluoridation matters.

Whilst the Crisafulli Government is yet to consider if there is need to change the current policy position with respect to water fluoridation, Queensland Health is committed to encouraging local governments to adopt and maintain the provision of water fluoridation as part of a comprehensive approach to improving oral health outcomes.

Thank you again for writing to me. Should you require any further information in relation to this matter, I have arranged for Dr Greg Jackson, Director, Water Unit, Department of Health, on telephone 3328 9345, to be available to assist you.

Yours sincerely

Tim Nicholls MP Minister for Health and Ambulance Services Member for Clayfield 2 DEC 2024