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Dr Jeannette Young
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Dear Jeannette

Thank you for your letter of 14 March 2007 regarding fluoridation. AMA Queensland welcomes Queensland Health's endorsement of the planned implementation of water fluoridation in Queensland.

We have long noted the 'in principal' position of Government, and the support of Queensland Health on the issue.

The Association believes the 'strategic approach' referred to in your letter must be for Government to mandate water fluoridation throughout the State. The approach to encourage individual councils to adopt fluoridation of their own volition has failed.

In particular, I believe the Government has a unique opportunity to ensure fluoridation of the water supply to a large proportion of the population as part the South East Queensland Water Grid.

The Public Health Working Party of AMA Queensland considers matters to do with fluoridation. If you require any further information or wish to engage with this group, please contact the Public Health Working Party Secretariat, Colleen Smyth, on (07) 3872 2268.

Yours sincerely

Dr Zelle Hodge
President