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Minister for Mental Health  
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Thank you for your email to the Hon. Jillian Skinner MP, Minister for Health and Minister for Medical Research, regarding water fluoridation. As the issues of oral health and the fluoridation of public water supplies fall within my portfolio of Healthy Lifestyles, your correspondence has been forwarded for my consideration.

I would like to reiterate my previous advice to you regarding the NSW Health policy on fluoridation as a safe, effective and equitable means of reducing dental decay at a population level.

Research into the toxicity of compounds used in fluoridating water has been carried out for the last 60 years. I am advised that the overwhelming weight of the scientific evidence does not link water fluoridation at optimal levels (one part per million) to side effects such as cancer or other health problems.

The NSW Government remains committed to the promotion of water fluoridation in NSW as a population level means of preventing tooth decay. I am satisfied that the information provided to you in previous correspondence and verbally by the Centre for Oral Health Strategy has sufficiently addressed the issues you raised.

Please be advised that unless any new issues are raised, any future correspondence from you in relation to this matter will not be responded to.

Yours sincerely

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