



Who supports water fluoridation and why

World Health Organization

“Fluoridation of water supplies, where possible, is the most effective public health measure for the prevention of dental decay.”

Obstetrician Dr Michael Gannon, President of the Australian Medical Association

“The amount of fluoride that’s added to the water is minute and it’s certainly not at a level that poses any threat to community safety. It’s really cheap, it’s really safe... We can reduce the number of people getting extremely sick, not just acutely from things like periodontitis, dental abscesses, but in the long term as well.”

Dr Kean-Seng Lim, President of the Australian Medical Association (NSW)

“Water fluoridation... is supported by health professionals and scientists as something that is safe and effective in the prevention of tooth decay. The evidence supporting this is very strong.”

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians

“The Royal Australasian College of Physicians supports the use of public water fluoridation to improve the oral health of children and young people. As a public health measure, water fluoridation has a proven impact on dental health for children and preventing tooth decay and the evidence-base also demonstrates it is safe.”

Clinical Associate Professor, Neil Peppitt, President of the Australian Dental Association NSW

“Water fluoridation is a safe, effective and equitable means of preventing dental decay in children, adolescents and adults at a community level. The fluoridation of community water supplies is an effective way to deliver fluoride to all members of the community, regardless of age, individual motivation or socioeconomic status.”

Alison Verhoeven, CEO of the Australian Healthcare and Hospitals Association

“The social determinants of health have a profound effect upon tooth decay. Water fluoridation is the most effective and efficient means to deliver equity in oral health.”

Tracy McLeod Howe, CEO of the NSW Council of Social Service

“We support fluoridation as a key initiative that improves oral health outcomes in communities. We need to make sure that there is equitable access to fluoridated water across NSW, particularly for those people less able to access dental services because of where they live or their financial situation.”



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