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**Subject:** Re: Floride letters to state and territories by [REDACTED] [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

Thanks Tony.

I have not been involved in the ombudsman response. Are we reaching a conclusion on the regulatory status of fluoride in drinking water?

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Dear all

Attached is the TRIM link to a document showing extracts from letters by [REDACTED] to TGA, VIC, TAS and QLD councils re fluoride and "breaching" the TGA ACT and Advertising Code - R13/651154.

Speaking to Leanne, [REDACTED] has also written to the CRP re the **Catalyst** program and some fluoride drops.

The states and territories health areas who deal with water are after some words from us this week on the issue so they and/or their Ministers can respond - a possible VIC response is in the document. I have told them we were finalising an Ombudsman response and this would inform our response to them to ensure consistency.

One of the issues in Larry's purview is whether the information provided on state and territory government websites about fluoridated water preventing tooth decay is possibly a breach of the TG Advertising Code if the fluoridated water is a potential therapeutic good.

To be able to respond to states and territories I need advice for them.

Regards

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