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From: Â Â Â Â Bill Turner/TGA/Health
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Date: Â Â Â Â 09/10/2013 05:02 PM
Subject: Â Â Â Â Re: Fw: TGA response re fluoridation 23 Aug 13
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FYA (for my Action?).

I think we respond along the lines of:

While we understand that there are many claiming that state and territory governments and local councils have breached therapeutics goods legislation by making references to the prevention of tooth decay by fluoridating water, it has always been the TGA's position that fluoride and fluoridated water did not come under the auspices of our Act. However, there is much misinformation circulating on this matter and the TGA is currently reviewing the situation and hopes to issue a definitive statement as soon as possible.

Regards,

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Date: Â Â Â Â 09/10/2013 02:33 PM
Subject: Â Â Â Â Fw: TGA response re fluoridation 23 Aug 13 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Subject: Â Â Â Â Fwd: RE: TGA response re fluoridation 23 Aug 13
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Good Afternoon Tony

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Thank you for returning my phone call earlier today. As discussed we are coming under increasing pressure to provide response to ministerial correspondence relating to drinking water fluoridation with respect to the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 and the Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code. As much of the correspondence alleges that agencies across the country have made claims that breach these standards we are unable to make a response without TGA evaluation of the issue.

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We also assist Â local governments with their fluoride correspondence upon request and can advise that we have at least one Local Government also requesting a response on this matter as they also have correspondence awaiting response.

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Please could you advise on any update on this matter and if correspondence of this nature should be redirected to the TGA?

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Kind regards
[REDACTED]

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At the current time the TGA does not have an update on this issue. The TGA will inform you all if there are any further developments.
The TGA's long term view that reticulated fluoridated water is not a therapeutic good remains extant.

Regards

Tony

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Hi Tony

I don't think I've received an update from the TGA since your last email.

Have there been any developments?

Thanks,

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Subject: TGA response re fluoridation 23 Aug 13 [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear all

In response to your emails relating to correspondence from [REDACTED]

The Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) is aware of the issues raised with state and territory health authorities about potential issues with the fluoridation of water with respect to the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 and the Therapeutic Goods Advertising Code. Due to the complexity of the issues the TGA is further investigating the issues raised. The TGA is meeting early next week on these issues and will update the states and territories when further information is available.

Regards

Tony

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