



**Australian Government**  
**Department of Health and Ageing**

Our Reference: R13/618195



Dear 

Thank you for your correspondence to the Minister for Health and Ageing, the Hon Tanya Plibersek, MP dated 5 August 2013, the Parliamentary Secretary for Health and Ageing, the Hon Shayne Neumann MP, dated 20 August 2013, and the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) dated 5 August 2013, regarding water fluoridation. Due to the announcement of the Federal election and the government entering caretaker mode, I am responding on behalf of the Minister and the Parliamentary Secretary.

I am aware that some of the issues you have raised in your emails have also been referred by you to the Complaints Resolution Panel.

The TGA acknowledges that these are very complex issues and due to their complexity the TGA is seeking further advice to ensure that its response to you is accurate with respect to all the issues you have raised.

In view of this the TGA is not in a position to provide a detailed response to your concerns at this time; however, we will be in contact with you when the TGA's position on all of your issues is finalised.

I apologise for the time being taken on this matter, but as you are aware it is a complex issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Bill Turner'.

Bill Turner  
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3 September 2013

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