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Dear Mr Laurie Meil,

I write in response to petition number 4305-25, tabled in Parliament on 28 October 2025, in relation to water fluoridation.

I acknowledge the petitioners' concerns regarding Gympie Regional Council's decision to cease fluoridation of its drinking water supply.

In Queensland, the decision to provide a fluoridated drinking water supply rests with each local government. This is a policy position that has been maintained by both Labor and LNP governments.

Queensland Health encourages local councils to adopt and maintain water fluoridation as part of a comprehensive approach to improving oral health.

I can advise that the Government has no plans to change the current fluoridation legislative arrangements. The Crisafulli Government continues to strongly encourage local governments to adopt and maintain the provision of water fluoridation.

Thank you for raising this important matter with me and I trust this information is of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely

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