MEDIA STATEMENT

CEO statement on water fluoridation

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In response to recent media, the CEO Professor Warwick Anderson reaffirms that NHMRC’s position on water fluoridation is:

“Fluoridation of drinking water remains the most effective and socially equitable means of achieving community-wide exposure to the caries prevention effects of fluoride.

It is recommended that water be fluoridated in the target range of 0.6 to 1.1 mg/L, depending on climate, to balance reduction of dental caries and occurrence of dental fluorosis.”

This position was reaffirmed by NHMRC’s Council in June 2013.

NHMRC is currently undertaking a review of the scientific evidence on water fluoridation and human health. This is done regularly for all our public statements.

Professor Anderson said, “Based on the work already conducted in the review, NHMRC is expected to maintain its support for fluoridation of water supplies as effective and safe.”

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