



**KEMPSEY**  
Shire Council

## NOTICE OF MOTION

12th December 2006

<b>NOM4</b>	<b>FLUORIDATION</b>	
	<b>FILE: 158 CLR JCG</b>	<b>{Folio No. *}</b>

I hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Ordinary meeting of Kempsey Shire Council to be held on Tuesday, 12th December.

***"That Kempsey Shire Council inform the Parliamentary Secretary for Health that this Shire will not be implementing the fluoridation of its drinking water and request reversal of the Gazettal to fluoridate."***

### **MOTION IMPLICATIONS:**

- ***Environmental***

***The recognition of correspondence from the Minister of Health, the Honourable Mr John Hatzistergos to Mr R Torbay MP Member for Northern Tablelands dated 1<sup>st</sup> September 2006 Ref M06/5157:***

***"In NSW under the fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957 the responsibility to implement fluoridation rests with Local Government."***

***... and with regard to Recommendation 32 of the NSW Government Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Issues: Report on Inquiry into Dental Services in NSW:***

***"That the legislation be amended to make decisions to fluoridate public drinking water the responsibility of NSW Health not local council, with provisions for consultation with councils and communities."***

***Response from the Honourable John Hatzistergos to Mr John Evans, Clerk of the Parliaments dated 29<sup>th</sup> September 2006 states:***

**Response:**  
***Not supported.***

- ***Social***

***The previous plebiscite held on this subject in Kempsey Shire was defeated with residents and ratepayers overwhelmingly supporting the no fluoride vote.***

*There is accumulating evidence that water fluoridation does not significantly prevent tooth decay but does represent a significant risk to general health and the health of various sectors of the community.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Fluoridation of the Kempsey Shire water supply will be at an ongoing cost to its ratepayers and not State Government.*

*Only a small amount of this Shire's water supply is used for drinking purposes.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*NSW Health cannot order Kempsey Shire Council to add fluoride to its water supply. It is a decision to be decided by Kempsey Shire Councillors.*

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COUNCILLOR J C GRIBBIN