



## DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th February 2006

<b>DSS18</b>	<b>FLUORIDATION</b>
	<b>FILE: * AMB</b>

### SUMMARY:

Reporting information received from NSW Health on fluoridation.



### DESCRIPTION:

A letter has been received [Appendix E](#) from NSW Health indicating an extension of the timeframe to fluoridate the South West Rocks, Crescent Head and Kempsey / Lower Macleay water supplies.

Consultants have been engaged and are currently designing fluoridation systems to be located at Crescent Head Water Treatment Plant and Stuart McIntyre Dam. The fluoridation system for South West Rocks is a component of the Water Filtration Plant currently nearing completion.

### REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

*There are no environmental implications from this report.*

- *Social*

*The Department of Health has indicated that fluoridation will lead to better teeth, particularly in the young.*

*Complaints with respect to lack of community consultations will be forwarded to the Department of Health.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Upfront construction costs are borne by Council until the plant is approved and operating. Council can then seek reimbursement from NSW Health. Approximately \$240,000 has been expended to date.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*Council has been directed to fluoridate the three water supplies and the fluoridation timeframe is now a statutory requirement.*

- *Director's Review*

*As per the report.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the information be noted.**

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