



KEMPSEY  
Shire Council

## DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES REPORT

14th March 2006

<b>DSS5</b>	<b>FLUORIDATION</b>		
	<b>FILE: 240</b>	<b>AMB</b>	{ Folio No. * }

### SUMMARY:

Reporting on progress payments from NSW Health.



At the February Council meeting Council resolved (resolution 2006.70):

*"That Council make urgent representations to the Minister for Health regarding the capital costs of the fluoridation systems being paid for, by State Government, on a progress payment basis as the works proceed in accordance with the assurance given to Council by the CEO, Mid North Coast Area Health Service, Mr Terry Clout"*

Consequent discussions between the Mayor, Janet Hayes, and Project Manager Oral Health, Mr John Irving determined that progress payments for the fluoridation costs would be made available to Council subject to satisfactory inspections by Department of Energy Utilities and Sustainability (DEUS) officers.

The Mayor and the Acting Director of Shire Services have since discussed the superfluous nature of representations to the Minister of the Health given that the matter of progress payments has been resolved.

A letter has since been received from the Department of Health confirming that Council will receive reimbursements on a progressive payment basis. A copy of the letter is attached at [Appendix E](#).

### REPORT IMPLICATIONS:

- *Environmental*

*There are no environmental implications from this report.*

- *Social*

*There are no social implications from this report.*

- *Economic (Financial)*

*Council's exposure to financial holding costs for fluoridation equipment has been significantly decreased and is now limited to that of construction timeframes and inspection coordination.*

- *Policy or Statutory*

*There are no policy or statutory implications from this report.*

- *Acting Director's Review*

*The confirmation in writing by the Department of Health negates the need to make representations to the Minister.*

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the information be noted.

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**G R Whelan**  
**Acting DIRECTOR SHIRE SERVICES**