1. Under the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008* (the Act) public potable water suppliers (water suppliers) are required to implement water fluoridation at a relevant public potable water supply (water supply) by a date prescribed in a regulation.
2. To date, 70 supplies have been fluoridated and the installation of the necessary infrastructure for fluoridation funded by the State Government is anticipated to be completed at 6 supplies in the near future.
3. While the Act provided some grounds under which a water supplier may apply for an exemption from this requirement, it has become apparent that these grounds do not recognise the challenges councils face in relation to the implementation of fluoridation.
4. The amendments to the Act empowers local authorities to make the decision, if satisfied the decision is in the best interests of the community, whether or not to add fluoride to the water supply for their communities.
5. Cabinet approved the introduction of amendments to the *Water Fluoridation Act 2008* as part of the South East Queensland Water (Restructuring) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2012.
6. *Attachments*
* [Water Fluoridation Act Amendments](Attachments/Bill.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Explan%20Notes.pdf)