

Correspondence between John Teagle and Shoalhaven Water

From: John Teagle <johnteagle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 26 June 2019 4:41 PM
To: Amanda Findley <findleya@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Legal opinion

Good afternoon Mayor Findley

Please find enclosed my written submission and a legal opinion concerning the legal implications of adding artificial fluoride to the reticulated water supply.

Best wishes

John

From: John Teagle <johnteagle@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, 2 July 2019 11:17 AM
To: Amanda Findley <findleya@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Chemtrails and agriculture

Good morning Mayor Findley

I have written to you previously raising my concerns with the way we are being polluted by chemtrails in the Shoalhaven.

You have not provided me with any response concerning this matter but as a Green Councilor I really think you should watch this recent presentation given at the United Nations.

<https://globalpossibilities.org/the-united-nations-exposes-chemtrails-100-proof-we-are-being-poisoned/>

My understanding is that the chemtrails in our Shire are coming from the military and I think this matter should be raised with them.

Best wishes

John

From: [Tony Holmes](#)
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 12:28 PM
To: johnteagle@gmail.com
Subject: Legal Opinion

Dear Mr Teagle

Thank you for your emails of 26, 30 June and 2 July 2019 regarding water fluoridation and chemtrails. The Mayor has requested that I respond on her behalf.

The Therapeutic Goods Administration has advised that state and territory governments continue to be responsible for regulating fluoride in reticulated drinking water. Legislative amendments made on 11 July 2019 put an end to any uncertainties about regulatory responsibility by explicitly excluding fluoridated drinking water from the scope of Australia's therapeutic goods legislation. Details can be found on the Australian Government Department of Health website.

The 17 minute presentation by Dr Rosalind Peterson has been reviewed. It is recommended that your concerns regarding chemtrails and the military be expressed direct with NSW Government Health. The Environmental Health branch within this agency is the appropriate interaction between the environment and the health of the population which includes water quality management. NSW Government Health is also the lead agency for your ongoing concerns about water fluoridation.

I trust this information is of assistance.

regards

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From: [John Teagle](#)

Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2019 1:57 PM

To: [Tony Holmes](#)

Cc: [Council Email](#) ; [Mayor](#) ; [Fiona \(MP\) Phillips](#) ; Greg.Hunt.MP@aph.gov.au

Subject: Re: Legal Opinion

Dear Mr Holmes

Thank you for your email of 19th July 2019 in which you maintained that Shoalhaven Council is not required to be licensed by the Therapeutic Goods Administration ("TGA") as fluoridation is a matter for the States and Territories.

Your assertion is based on the TGA website that maintains that fluoridation is no longer required to be regulated by the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (TG Act) because of an amendment that came into effect under Section 7AA of that Act.

This amendment was provided to the Parliament in June 2019 and as it was not disallowed by the Parliament within the prescribed period it is now "in force".

Consequently the TGA was responsible for fluoridation prior to this amendment becoming "in force" and consequently I still require copies of the licenses that Council was required to have from the inception of the Act in 1989 until October 2019.

Furthermore, the Explanatory Memorandum makes the following claim:

As also explained by the NHMRC, state and territory water authorities add fluoride to community water supplies using strict controls typically set out in the current regulatory frameworks used in each Australian state and territory (see table 2 of the Water Fluoridation and Human Health in Australia: Questions and Answers published by the NHMRC). This includes controls on the quality and purity of chemicals used in accordance with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. The controls in place under the relevant state and territory regulatory schemes regarding the fluoridation of water are appropriate. It follows that it is not appropriate to apply the national system of controls established by the Act to regulate fluoridated reticulated drinking water.

As previously advised by your office Shoalhaven Water uses Sodium Fluoride as one of the chemicals to "fluoridate" the reticulated water supply

The following link discusses the Global market for Sodium Fluoride and the fact that there are three classes of this chemical: Food Grade, Pharmaceutical Grade and Industrial Grade.

<https://marketresearchsheets.com/2019/12/23/worldwide-sodium-fluoride-industry-2019-market-size-growth-outlook-trend-key-manufacturers-and-forecast-report-2026/>

In view of the fact that the Council is required to comply with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines and that the Federal Secretary for Health has provided an assurance in a legal document to the Parliament concerning the quality and purity of the "chemicals" added to the reticulated water supply, please provide me with the evidence that the Sodium Fluoride used by Council are Food Grade and not Pharmaceutical or Industrial Grade.

Clearly Pharmaceutical Grade Sodium Fluoride is only to be used in prescribed medicines, while Industrial Grade Sodium Fluoride is not fit for human consumption.

In summary I require:

1. copies of the TGA licenses obtained by Council for the period 1 January 1990 to 30th September 2019.
 2. evidence that the Sodium Fluoride added to the reticulated water supply is Food Grade (i.e. Sodium Fluoride that has been subjected to controls to ensure quality and purity fit for human consumption.
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Yours sincerely
John Teagle

From: [John Teagle](#)
Sent: Thursday, January 30, 2020 4:20 PM
To: [Tony Holmes](#)
Cc: [Council Email](#) ; [Mayor](#) ; [Fiona \(MP\) Phillips](#) ; Greg.Hunt.MP@aph.gov.au
Subject: Re: Legal Opinion

Dear Mayor

I refer to my previous correspondence which has been acknowledged on two separate occasions by your office.

However I have not receive any reply to the matters I have raised and if a relevant reply is not provided in the next 5 working days I will refer the matter to EWON.

Yours sincerely
John Teagle

From: [Cathy Andre](#)
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 4:17 PM
To: johnteagle@gmail.com
Subject: Shoalhaven Water Response - Water Supply Fluoridation

Dear Mr Teagle

Thank you for your correspondence in relation to water supply. The Acting Section Manager, Water Customer & Business Services, provides the attached response.

Regards

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PA to Director Shoalhaven Water
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From: John Teagle <johnteagle@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 19 February 2020 9:35 AM
To: Council Email <Council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au>
Subject: Re: Shoalhaven Water Response - Water Supply Fluoridation

Dear Ms Andre

With regard to your assertion that the TGA has a view that water fluoridation is not required to be regulated by the TG Act prior to July 2019, please provide me with the legal opinion that supports this contention.

The Port Macquarie and Hastings Council has obtained a legal opinion that refutes the TGA interpretation of its own legislation.

A copy of this legal opinion by Senior Council is enclosed for your reference.

Please provide me with a copy of the legal opinion Shoalhaven Water has obtained from the TGA supporting its claim that fluoridation was never required to be administered by the TGA under its Act.

Furthermore you have maintained that the quality of the artificial fluorides dumped into my drinking water are "safe and effective" because the NHMRC has issued the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines to that effect.

It is apparent that Shoalhaven Water cannot provide me with any evidence that the artificial fluorides used by Council are of food grade quality i.e. fit for human consumption.

The Council cannot rely on the NHMRC guidelines as evidence as the document contains a disclaimer requiring those who rely on the guidelines to undertake their own research and the NHMRC refuses to take any responsibility for the information provided in the Guidelines.

The disclaimer clearly state that those relying on the Guidelines are required to “make independent inquires and obtain appropriate advice before relying on any important matter.”

As the Council is indiscriminately delivering fluoridated water to consumers, it is clear that this is an important matter.

If Shoalhaven Water is unable to provide me with the source of the artificial fluorides, proving that it has been properly tested for “quality and purity” than the Council is not complying with the Guidelines.

The Council must undertake its own advice and research before relying on the Guidelines and I require the evidence that this is being undertaken by Shoalhaven Water to ensure that the fluoride added to the reticulated water supply has been tested for “quality and purity” as required by the Guidelines.

In summary:

I require a copy of the legal opinion obtained by Council from the TGA that it has never been required to regulate water fluoridation;

I require the source of the artificial fluorides that are being added to the reticulated water supply and consumed by residents in the Shoalhaven;

I also require evidence proving that the Council has undertaken and continues to undertake its own advice and research concerning the quality of the chemicals used.

I look forward to you providing with the information that ensures Council is complying with ADWG as advised by the NHMRC.

Yours sincerely

John Teagle

From: [Diana Lord](#)

Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2020 11:02 AM

To: [John Teagle](#)

Subject: RE: Shoalhaven Water Response - Water Supply Fluoridation

Hello Mr Teagle

Your below request has been forwarded to me by Shoalhaven Water for a response as the Privacy and Information Officer for Council. Please find attached a response in relation to your questions below being:

1. I require a copy of the legal opinion obtained by Council from the TGA that it has never been required to regulate water fluoridation;
2. I require the source of the artificial fluorides that are being added to the reticulated water supply and consumed by residents in the Shoalhaven;
3. I also require evidence proving that the Council has undertaken and continues to undertake its own advice and research concerning the quality of the chemicals used.

If you would like to discuss these issues with a Council Officer from Shoalhaven Water, please contact the Council on 4429 3111.

Kind regards

Diana

Diana Lord

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Council Reference: 7684E (D20/57672)

Your Reference:

2602/2020

Mr John Teagle

By Email: johnteagle@gmail.com

Dear Mr Teagle

**Response to Request for Information – Government Information (Public Access) Act
2009 (GIPA Act) – Shoalhaven Water Fluoridation Treatment**

Thankyou for your correspondence dated 19 February 2020 requesting the following information:

1. I require a copy of the legal opinion obtained by Council from the TGA that it has never been required to regulate water fluoridation;
2. I require the source of the artificial fluorides that are being added to the reticulated water supply and consumed by residents in the Shoalhaven;
3. I also require evidence proving that the Council has undertaken and continues to undertake its own advice and research concerning the quality of the chemicals used.

In relation to question one above, Shoalhaven Water advise that Council have not sought legal advice. Shoalhaven Water is granted approval to *Fluoridate* via the NSW Health approval process as prescribed under the Legislative Framework and as described in the current "NSW Code of Practice for the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies" (currently under review) and "Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957".

In relation to question two above, Shoalhaven City Council source artificial fluorides (either Sodium Silicofluoride or Sodium Fluoride) from Consolidated Chemical Company (CCC). It is sourced originally from Japan.

In relation to question three above, Shoalhaven Water follows processes and procedures as laid out in the Code of Practice and the Shoalhaven Water *Drinking Water Quality Management Plan* (DWQMP) as per below:

See extract below from the current Shoalhaven Water Drinking Water Quality Management Plan (DWQMP)

8.1 Procurement of Fluoridating Agent

8.1.1 Any impurities in the fluoridating agent shall not cause health problems for consumers or result in non-compliance with the Australian Drinking Water Guidelines. Physical characteristics and variations in strength should not significantly increase risk of reliably maintaining the required fluoride concentration in the treated water.

8.1.1.1 The water utility shall develop and use a suitable chemical specification for purchasing the required fluoridating agent. The latest American Waterworks Association standard specifications for the various fluoridating agents are to be treated as a minimum requirement.

Metals are the main impurities of health significance to be found in fluoride chemicals, particularly with hydrofluosilicic acid where the levels of various metals can vary significantly.

The presence of moisture in powdered chemicals can lead to unreliable feeder operation. The level of insoluble matter can increase turbidity levels in the final water.

The following specification requirements are provided for consideration.

Commercially Available Product	Sodium Fluoride (NaF)	Hydrofluosilicic Acid (H ₂ SiF ₆)	Sodium Silicofluoride (Na ₂ SiF ₆)
Product purity % by weight	97-99 (dry basis)	20-30	98-99 (dry basis)
Moisture % by weight	max 0.5		max 0.5
Insoluble matter % by weight	max 0.6		max 0.5
Heavy metals % by weight as lead*	max 0.04	max 0.02	max 0.05
Hydrogen fluoride (HF) % by weight		max 1.0	

*These levels ensure that at a fluoride ion dose of 1.00 mg/L the maximum concentration of metals added to the water would be in the order of 1 µg/L expressed as lead. The Australian Drinking Water Guidelines set a guideline value for lead of 10 µg/L.

Water supply authorities should include the requirement for regular full chemical analysis by suppliers in supply contracts. It is also good practice to periodically obtain independent chemical analysis.

Supplier assessment and registration for chemicals

To the extent practicable, only chemical suppliers approved by Shoalhaven Water can provide chemicals that can be added to drinking water. Chemical suppliers are assessed against criteria including capability of supplying chemicals within the required formulation with respect to both specifications and contaminants.

Importantly, process monitoring at CCPs provides additional assurance for many possible failure modes. For example, incorrectly formulated or dosed chemicals typically do not perform adequately leading to process malfunction and critical limit nonconformities.

Chemical receipt

- All chemical deliveries are attended by trained water treatment plant operators.
- The risk of delivery error is reduced both by the presence of the operator and by controls on filling points, such as colour coded labelling and fittings.
- Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and appropriate chemical signs are displayed in a SDS register at the WTPs and within the vicinity of chemical storage areas. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), first aid kits, chemical spills kits, safety showers and eye wash stations are located at all WTPs in the event of an emergency.
- Analysis on carbon dioxide, alum and fluoride is provided by the supplier.

If you need further information about the above matter, please write to the Council email address council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au and quote Councils reference 7684E (D20/57672).

Yours faithfully



Diana Lord

Privacy & Information Officer Governance

From: [John Teagle](#)

Sent: Monday, March 02, 2020 1:11 PM

To: [Council Email](#)

Subject: Re: Shoalhaven Water Response - Water Supply Fluoridation

Dear Council

Thank you for providing me with some of the information I required concerning the quality and purity of the artificial fluorides being dumped into the Shoalhaven reticulated water supply.

When providing this information you have confirmed that the Council does not have any written legal evidence from the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) that fluoridation was the responsibility of the TGA until the amendment was made to the TG Act (1989). As the amendment was considered necessary by the TGA to ensure that its Act does not override the NSW fluoridation legislation, please seek the appropriate legal authority from the TGA.

You then go on to inform me that Council obtains its artificial fluorides from a chemical company (CCC) and that it is sourced from Japan. A check of the company's website has revealed that the chemicals are being imported from the USA.

https://www.consolidatedchem.com/p_water.html

You then have informed me that Council follows the processes laid out in the Code of Practice and a Management Plan.

You have supported the information provide by reference to the Section 8.1 of the Code which stipulates details of the impurities contained in the artificial fluorides added to my drinking water.

It is apparent from the Code that the artificial fluorides are not food grade or pharmaceutical grade but industrial waste generated from manufacturing other products.

This is further substantiated by the information you have provided concerning the work safety requirements for the delivery and handling of the hazard waste (i.e. artificial fluorides).

The chemical analysis provided by the Code is irrefutable evidence that the artificial fluoride contain heavy metals and are not being subjected to any processes that would ensure they are of food grade or pharmaceutical quality.

As heavy metals are a health risk and Section 8.1 of the Code states *Any impurities in the fluoridating agents shall not cause health problems for consumers or result in non-compliance with the ADWG*, I require the procedures that are in place to ensure that harm is not being done to residents.

<https://factualfacts.com/how-does-fluoride-in-tap-water-affect-your-health/>

I am 73 years old and suffer from high blood pressure which is linked to fluoridation.

<https://fluoridealert.org/studies/cardio01/>

The Code also requires full chemical analysis by suppliers and that it is good practice to periodically obtain independent chemical analysis.

I require:

The reasons why the Council has failed to seek legal advice from the TGA that water fluoridation was never required to be administered by the TG Act, and if so, why was the amendment necessary.

The reasons why the Council is adding industrial waste containing heavy metals to the reticulated water to be consumed in uncontrolled doses by all ages over a lifetime and what testing of consumers is being undertaken to ensure that no health problems are occurring as required by the Code.

Details of the chemical analysis of the product being supplied by CCC to Council and the details of the independent chemical analysis undertaken by Council required to comply with the Code.

Details of where I and other consumers can be tested to ensure that no health problems are being caused by fluoride poisoning due Council adding artificial fluorides to the reticulated water supply.

The independent research conducted by the Council in accordance with the Code and ADWG disclaimer requiring the Council to undertake its own research that the impurities in the fluoridating agent are not causing health problems for consumers. As there are numerous studies linking fluoridation to many chronic diseases, I require the peer review independent studies that prove fluoridation is not a health problem for humans.

I look forward to you providing me with answers to these serious matters that affect all residents in the Shoalhaven shire.

I might add that the TGA and the National Health Medical and Research Council (NHMRC) both part of Federal Health Department refuse to take any responsibility for the known harms caused by fluoridation.

This accounts for the reasons why the TGA amended its legislation and the NHMRC has a disclaimer when issuing its ADWG, requiring water authorities to undertake their own independent research.

Yours sincerely

John Teagle

See response from SCC following below.

Hello John

I refer to your recent correspondence below requesting further clarification on fluoridation of Shoalhaven water supplies.

As advised in my response, I have referred your latest questions to Shoalhaven Water and as advised also, given the current state of emergency world-wide and the recent floods and fires within the Shoalhaven, staff do not have the operational capability to continue to respond to you at this time. They have also advised they will no longer be responding to you as they feel they have already answered your many queries in previous correspondences.

As already advised, Shoalhaven City Council act on guidance and advice through policies, procedures and guidelines (ADWG) and are not the responsible agency for the type of information you are seeking. As also advised previously, Shoalhaven Water is granted approval to *Fluoridate* via the NSW Health approval process as prescribed under the Legislative Framework and as described in the current "NSW Code of Practice for the Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies" (currently under review) and "Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957".

I have attached information on the analysis of Sodium Silico Fluoride.

Council does not undertake peer reviewed independent studies on the effects of fluoridation in water supplies.

You can seek further information and research on your concerns at the following websites:

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/water/Pages/fluoridation.aspx>

<https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/about-us>

<https://www.tga.gov.au/>

Kind regards

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