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Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Amendment Bill 2013

Explanatory note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced into Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957* to enable the Minister to direct a water supply authority to add fluorine to a public water supply under its control. Failure to comply with such a direction is an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$5,500 and a maximum daily penalty of \$550 if the offence continues).

Outline of provisions

Clause 1 sets out the name (also called the short title) of the proposed Act.

Clause 2 provides for the commencement of the proposed Act on the date of assent to the proposed Act.

Clause 3 amends the *Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957* in the manner referred to in the above Overview.



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A Bill for

An Act to amend the *Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957* to enable the Minister to direct a water supply authority to fluoridate its public water supply.

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:	1
1 Name of Act	2
This Act is the <i>Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Amendment Act 2013</i> .	3
2 Commencement	4
This Act commences on the date of assent to this Act.	5
3 Amendment of Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957 No 58	6
(1) Section 6 Addition of fluorine to public water supplies	7
Insert “or at the direction of the Minister” after “Secretary” in section 6 (2).	8
(2) Section 6AA	9
Insert after section 6A:	10
6AA Ministerial direction	11
(1) The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, direct a water supply authority to add fluorine to a public water supply under its control.	12 13 14
(2) A water supply authority that fails to comply with a direction given by the Minister under this section, or any terms attached to that direction, is guilty of an offence under this Act.	15 16 17
(3) Section 6B Discontinuance of fluoridation	18
Omit section 6B (1). Insert instead:	19
(1) A water supply authority to which an approval has been granted or a direction has been given must not discontinue fluoridating the public water supply concerned unless:	20 21 22
(a) in the case of an approval or direction given under section 6 or 6A—the approval or direction is revoked by the Director General of the Ministry of Health, or	23 24 25
(b) in the case of a direction given under section 6AA—the direction is revoked by the Minister.	26 27