

## EDUCATION AND HEALTH STANDING COMMITTEE

## TRANSCRIPT CLARIFICATION

## **HEARING WITH FLUORIDE FREE WA INC**

## WEDNESDAY, 9 MAY 2018

Clarification provided by Mr Andrew Parry, President, Fluoride Free WA:

- On page 3, I stated that "our window in Australia is 0.6 to 1.2 parts per million" in regard to fluoride levels in the water. The figure of 1.2 should in fact be 1.1.
- On page 5, the section beginning "It is important, specifically in regard to this report, regarding four out of five age categories in relation to deciduous teeth ..." should read:

"It is important, specifically in regard to this report, regarding four out of five age categories in relation to deciduous teeth and representing six out of six age categories in relation to permanent teeth—that's a total of 10 out of 11 age categories in this report—WA Health found no statistically significant difference in dental decay."

• On page 6 in the section which talks about plumbosolvency, the way it reads may be confusing and misleading. The intended meaning is as follows:

"The same submission additionally presents extensive evidence of the role of fluoride in:

- increasing the concentration of lead, a toxic heavy metal in reticulated water systems. This is called the "plumbosolvency effect". This is particularly relevant for Perth and Western Australia because of the high levels of lead that have been discovered and reported;
- causing diabetes; and
- causing cancer by enhanced deposition of fluoride doped hydroxyapatite in soft tissues—evidence provided in annex 07."