SUBJECT: WATER SUPPLY - FLUORIDATION - W.155.00

PREPARED BY: GENERAL MANAGER

As Council would be aware, the issue of fluoridation of the water supply has been receiving recent press coverage in the Northern Rivers area. In that regard, the March 2005 meeting of Rous Water resolved that fluoridation was considered primarily a health issue and not a water quality issue.

Accordingly, the Department of Health was to be requested to conduct a community consultation, information and awareness campaign of constituent Councils of Rous Water.

## **REPORT**

Since the issue has been raised through Rous Water several items of correspondence have been received by Council (for and against fluoridation). It is proposed that Council await the outcome of the Rous Water resolution prior to considering the issue. In that regard, Mr. John Irving from the Department of Health has advised that he will be preparing some information for consideration by the Councils/Water Authorities in the Northern Rivers Area.

## RECOMMENDATION

Recommended that the information be received and noted.

2005-227 <u>RESOLVED THAT</u> the above recommendation be adopted. (Cr. Jeffery/Cr. Mustow)

(The General Manager returned to the meeting at this stage, the time being 4.20 p.m.)