

Opportunity for Health Care Professionals

Participate in an online consultation on

Water Security and Purified Recycled Water

Health Consumers Queensland has an opportunity for 6 to 10 health care professionals to participate in a one-off online discussion about their knowledge of and attitudes towards water security and purified recycled water (to augment drinking water supplies) from a health perspective.

Discussion to be held the week of: 9th to 13th August 2021 at a time to be agreed with attendees.

About the project

Health Consumers Queensland has been contracted by **Seqwater** to engage health consumers and health care professionals to better understand their knowledge of and attitudes towards water security challenges and planning, in particular, the role of purified recycled water as a new source for drinking water in South East Queensland.

Seqwater is responsible for long-term planning to ensure a reliable and sustainable water supply is maintained in South East Queensland.

Water is a precious resource, and it doesn't always rain where and when we need it to.

Purified recycled water is a safe method of re-treating and re-using water. By using purified recycled water to replenish South East Queensland's largest water storage, Lake Wivenhoe, we have a safe and sustainable way to supplement our drinking water.

Seqwater is seeking to gain insights from community members and health care professionals to inform future communication about water security and purified recycled water.

What Seqwater would like to learn from health care professionals?

We are seeking to:

- identify the key areas of interest and potential concerns health care professionals may have in relation to water security and purified recycled water
- understand what messaging works and doesn't work to help build awareness and understanding of purified recycled water and how it is made safe to drink
- learn how health care professionals want to receive information about water security and purified recycled water for their own interest and in the interests of their patients.

About Seqwater

Seqwater is the Queensland Government Bulk Water Supply Authority. We are responsible for delivering safe, secure and cost-effective bulk water supply for more than three million people across South East Queensland.

We also:

- provide essential flood mitigation services
- manage catchment health and offer community recreation facilities
- provide water for irrigation to about 1,200 farmers across seven water supply schemes.

Seqwater is one of the largest water businesses with the most geographically spread and diverse asset base of any capital city water authority. Our operations extend from the New South Wales border to the base of the Toowoomba ranges.

Seqwater supplies bulk drinking water through the SEQ Water Grid for distribution to your tap.

The supply of water to your home is delivered by your local water service provider and council water businesses such as Urban Utilities and Unitywater.

About the Online Consultation

The online consultation will be for 90 minutes and will be held via Teams. Health Consumers Queensland will facilitate the session and provide a report back to Seqwater. The session will be held in the week commencing 9th August and the day and time will be determined with the participating health care professionals.

Who are we looking for as Health Care Professionals?

We are keen to include the voice of local GPs and clinicians and care teams who have patients with chronic health conditions or conditions which may be impacted by water quality.

The participants will reside or have patients in the following Local Government areas:

Central SEQ

Brisbane City Council
Moreton Bay Regional Council
Ipswich City Council

South SEQ

Logan City Council
Redland City Council
City of Gold Coast

North SEQ

Noosa Council

Sunshine Coast Council

West SEQ

Scenic Rim Regional Council

Somerset Regional Council

Lockyer Valley Council

Other

Toowoomba Regional Council

To join the discussion

Please email projects@hcq.org.au by 4.00pm on *Friday 30th July*.

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