

## Invitation for Health Care Professionals

### Participate in a one-off online consultation on

## Water Security and Purified Recycled Water in SEQ

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*Are you in isolation at home and able to provide input into a subject that is important to health consumers and community?*

Health Consumers Queensland is seeking six health care professionals to participate in a one-off 90 minute online discussion about their knowledge of and attitudes towards water security and purified recycled water (to augment drinking water supplies) from a health perspective.

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***Discussion to be held on Thursday 12th August 2021 at a time that works best for all participants.***

### **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 9<sup>th</sup> August and the day and time will be determined with the participating health care professionals.

This is part of a wider consultation with nine consumers hosting Kitchen Table Discussions in their community.

## Who are we looking for as Health Care Professionals?

We are keen to include the voice of local GPs, HHS doctors, specialists, allied health or other staff who care for patients with chronic and complex 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**

**To join the discussion or** for queries relating to this opportunity, please email Anne Curtis, Engagement Consultant – Specific Projects, Health Consumers Queensland at [anne.curtis@hcq.org.au](mailto:anne.curtis@hcq.org.au) or contact Anne on 0451529565.