

#1: Feb. 19, 2013

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

The pro-fluoride letter to this paper (Jan. 10/13) from medico Dr. John Boulton of Carrington, Western Australia, requires a response. He cites three categories as important in the fluoride debate, namely, freedom of choice, trust in experts, and the reason for adding fluoride to water supplies.

He suggests that we should not complain about our diminished level of choice if there is evidence of benefit. Secondly, he implies that citizens should trust experts providing services/advice. Finally, he suggests that fluoride is naturally deficient in drinking water.

Dr. Boulton appeals for citizens to trust health 'experts' who have claimed for over fifty years that water fluoridation is beneficial for dental health. The good doctor knows little about fluoride chemistry, and accepts the so-called "evidenced-based knowledge" touted by the powerful pro-fluoridation lobby.

Fluorine has no known essential role in mammalian physiology and therefore cannot be deficient in natural waters.

Fluorine constitutes around 16 % by weight of the highly dangerous S6 poison, hexafluorosilicic acid, which is diluted with 180,000 parts of our local drinking water. We drink some, but around 97 % goes to waste. This method of getting rid of toxic waste from the fertilizer industry is efficient and unconscionably fraudulent .

Is fluoride poison harmful to health at 1 ppm concentration? Yes. Dr. Moolenburgh and his team of 12 doctors demonstrated symptoms of harm in up to 5 % of Dutch citizens. A double blind study confirming these claims was reported in a 1974 peer-reviewed paper by G.W. Grimbergen (Fluoride, vol. 7/3, 146-152).

Is water fluoridation effective? No. Australia's own 2004-2006 Oral health Survey data reveal zero benefit.

Finally, can we trust our health 'experts' on this issue? Absolutely Not!

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#2: Jan, 2013

LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Editor,

I spoke recently with a dentist who has been working in Sydney for more than forty years. The reason for his attitude on water fluoridation is worth sharing.

This dentist, like many others, is a staunch supporter of water fluoridation. He has perceived a decline in dental caries over several decades while working in Sydney which was fluoridated in 1967. He regards this observation as "proof" that water fluoridation is working. Furthermore, he is angered by 'extremists' and 'ratbags' who claim otherwise.

It is true that the incidence of dental caries (DMFT index) has declined in many countries over the period 1970-2000 (reference: Neurath, C.; FLUORIDE 2005, 38/4,324-325). It would thus appear that this Sydney dentist's observation about a declining incidence of dental decay could be valid. But is it reasonable to assume that exposure to artificial water fluoridation is responsible for the decline, as our health department claims?

The answer is a resounding NO because the same general trends exist for fluoridated and unfluoridated countries alike. Importantly, the downward trends for DMFT versus time plots for both categories show significant overlap. This implies that water fluoridation has not improved dental outcomes. Improved nutrition and hygiene are thought to be the major contributing factors.

Since 2000, The NSW Centre for Oral Health Studies applied pressure to mid-north coast councils, claiming 'crisis' levels of decay in these previously unfluoridated LGA's. However comparative dental survey data for

2000 reveal that 80 % of fluoridated Sydney had worse scores. This deception has resulted in local citizens becoming victims of low grade fluoride poisoning which impairs general health.

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3. Jan 2013

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Queenslanders have been experiencing rotten luck in relation to flooding in recent years. In spite of this, our plucky neighbours are achieving a major victory in getting fluoride poison out of their municipal water supplies.

The city of Cairns will cease fluoridation in March and Bundaberg has announced that it will not proceed with fluoridation. Together with a number of smaller communities, some 200,000 Queenslanders have so far been released from the tyranny of imposed fluoridation.

The Mayor of Brisbane is adamant that the capital's water supply will remain fluoridated. Meanwhile, Queensland councils which have decided to either abandon or not fluoridate will save an estimated 14 million dollars which can be reallocated to rational needs such as road maintenance.

The Australian Dental Association (ADA) and representatives of the health establishment have employed fear-mongering in response to the Queensland government's landmark decision, claiming that childrens' teeth will rot in their heads without fluoride.

Queensland's LNP has remained steadfast in its 2012 decision, declaring forced water fluoridation to be "involuntary medication" of the public. This declaration highlights a reality about fluoride that no other Australian government has been willing to admit, namely, fluoride is a chemical drug that has never been proven safe and effective, but that is routinely added to water supplies without informed consent.

One can only hope that the NSW LNP, including local MP Leslie Williams, is watching closely. Our NSW government is currently under attack in relation to potential pollution of aquifers due to CSG extraction. We might anticipate action when they realize that water fluoridation can be thought of as deliberate "fracking" of our water supplies.

John Lusk

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