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Dr Jeremy McAnulty
Executive Director Health Protection NSW

Dear Dr. McAnulty,

I thank Minister Hazzard for requesting that you respond to my concerns over water fluoridation on his behalf.

Sadly, you insult my intelligence by failing to address my valid concerns. Instead, you repeat the erroneous and tired old mantra of “fluoride’s proven benefit in reducing decay, causing no proven harms and delivering socially equitable outcomes” traceable to the NHMRC – presumed by yourselves to be Australia’s ‘peak’ medical authority.

Your letter’s final ‘position statement’ that “the NSW Government remains committed to the promotion of water fluoridation as a public health measure for the protection of oral health” indicates to me that NSW Health has a deeply entrenched belief system that lacks objectivity and protects a fraudulent policy. Contrast this indefensible position with some facts that NSW Health and Federal Health must address, namely:

1. Why is Australia the world’s most fluoridated country (around 95 %) while mainland Europe is around 97 % unfluoridated? What do the Europeans know/acknowledge that Australians don’t?

2. Water fluoridation chemicals are undeniably untreated fluoride waste products that are highly toxic and must be disposed of ‘safely’. Water fluoridation was a fraudulent scheme devised by US ALCOA employee Dr. Trendley Dean in the early 1940’s to resolve the growing ‘fluoridation pollution issue’ by fluoridating municipal water supplies at 1 ppm fluoride concentration. Although Dean noted a definite risk of dental fluorosis (a mineralised tissue harm) for susceptible individuals, other harms were assumed NOT to occur at this low concentration. This latter assumption has since been proven to be WRONG (e.g. thyroid, kidney, Downs Syndrome linkage and IQ impairment).

3. Does Water Fluoridation reduce dental decay? Only studies that compare acceptably large fluoridated versus unfluoridated populations, and which also have taken serious measures to eliminate technician/sampling bias etc., can be relied on. Large scale studies conducted in the US decades ago, another in NSW in 2000, and the comprehensive Australian National Study of 2004-2006, reveal NO SIGNIFICANT dental benefit from drinking fluoridated water.

4. The International Academy of Oral Medicine and Toxicology’s (IAOMT) POSITION PAPER (Kennedy, 2003) condemns Water Fluoridation as an ineffective and dangerous policy.

5. Federal Health Minister in the Whitlam government, Dr. Doug Everingham, quizzed his Federal Health staff to provide him with evidence that water fluoridation ‘is safe’. The evidence was NOT forthcoming over a two year period, implying that the NHMRC is a ‘house of cards’ and is NOT to be BELIEVED in relation to the water fluoridation issue.

Australian and State Health departments have a duty-of-care responsibility to protect the health of all citizens. Medical doctors take an oath ‘to do no harm’ to their patients. Citizens desire and deserve honest guidance and health protection.

Integrity and humility are essential if we are to progress. And government Health employees must become courageous in order to seek the truth. An admission of error from government would be a courageous first step.

I am appending an apparently unrelated FILE relating to the miscarriage of justice in the Azaria Chamberlain ‘murder’ case. I see a very clear parallel between the mad zealotry of the prosecution’s attitude in the Azaria Case and our Federal and State health departments blindly defending Water Fluoridation.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. John Lusk