

C/- The Manager  
Bega Valley Shire Council & Councillors  
BEGA NSW 2550

19<sup>TH</sup> February, 2018

Dear Ms. Barnes,

Ref: CRM158158.

Please forward this letter to All Councillors and Major.

Note: I again corresponded to you on the 21<sup>st</sup> of January, 2018 and attached a copy of the reply from Dr Ben Scalley on behalf of the NSW Health Department to the letter of 21/11/17. I have not been graced with a reply from Council to-date. Nor have I received a reply from Brad Hazzard, to my letter of 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2018, of which you were also sent a copy. Note: it took 6 weeks to get a confirmation of receipt from Brad Hazzard's Office, to my first letter. It is only 4 weeks since I sent the second letter so I do not expect the reply with Answers to the Questions I posed, until another 2 weeks minimum.

With the completion of the second survey and the continued "Hard Push" from NSW Health and Government, in to making a decision as soon as possible. I felt it pertinent to remind Council and Councillors that the final decision to fluoride the water supply should be made **ONLY**, upon High Quality and the most current science available that shows this product to be **Safe for ALL** of the Public to consume. This can only really be obtained after the Waste Hydrofluorosilicic Acid that is actually used (not pure pharmacy grade sodium fluoride) has been **properly** tested by The TGA for safety and efficiency. Also, satisfying the questions and queries of your residents in line with the mandatory consultation regulations, (like myself, for instance) should also be finalised before any decision can ethically and knowledgeably be made.

The Survey and the Question that was asked:

What a "Revelation" that question is: For me, two issues stood out.

1. **Ethically and truthfully**, should not the question have asked the participants if they agreed to the addition of Waste Hydrofluorosilicic Acid to their water supply? After-all, Fluoride or Fluorite in nature does not come with the addition of 13 other Toxic Heavy Metals. Your office will have many copies of the 'Certificate of Analysis' that by Law has to accompany all shipments of the stuff you already agree to put in the Bega, Kalaru and Tathra water supplies. Could not this be construed as fraudulent and misleading?
2. **TRY:** ) Definition; Concise Oxford Dictionary : (2) Make an **experiment** in order to find out. Oxford Living Dictionaries: (1) Make an attempt of effort to do something.  
(1.1) (try something out) **Use, test, or do [something new or different] in order to see if it is suitable, effective, or pleasant.**  
Cambridge English Dictionary: **Attempt** to do something.  
Collins Dictionary: (verb) "you want to do it and you take action which you **hope** will help you to do it".

After 60 years of use in Australia all the Health Departments literature **assures** us of **the benefits and effectiveness** of the cocktail called fluoride, in the prevention of Tooth Decay. The use of the word TRY refutes the touted benefits.

You are aware, that according to the above definitions, this is in-fact an acknowledgement by the Health Department that fluoride **does not work!** “...*try to reduce Tooth Decay*”.

**It is a requirement of the Law that you fully inform all participants of ALL the Possible Pros and Cons** and gain my/our written permission before you can include me/anyone in any research or experiments! I DID NOT AGREE, I WILL NOT BE AGREEING, SIGNING UP NOR DO I VOLUNTEER TO BE A *GUINEA PIG* IN THE FEDERAL OR NSW'S HEALTH DEPARTMENTS LATEST EXPERIMENT/TEST “TO **TRY** TO PREVENT TOOTH DECAY” BY THE ADDITION OF WASTE HYDROFLUOROSILICIC ACID OR ANY OTHER FORM OF FLUORIDE/FLUORITE INTO MY/OUR WATER SUPPLY”!

I withdraw My consent in accordance with the Australian Government and NHMRC's : National Statement on Ethical Conduct in Human Research 2007 (Updated May 2015) Section 2: Themes In Research Ethics: Risk And Benefit, Consent Chapter 2.2 : General Requirements For Consent. Pages 16-22.

### **For your Information: Latest Research from Publication called NATURE**

(Research was Received: 09 June 2017 Accepted: 21 January 2018 **Published online: 08 February 2018**)

Impact of Drinking Water Fluoride on Human Thyroid Hormones: A Case- Control Study  
by: [Zohreh Kheradpisheh](#), [Masoud Mirzaei](#), [Amir Hossein Mahvi](#), [Mehdi Mokhtari](#), [Reyhane Azizi](#), [Hossein Fallahzadeh](#) & [Mohammad Hassan Ehrampoush](#)

- *Scientific Reports* **volume 8**, Article number: 2674(2018) doi:10.1038/s41598-018-20696-4
- [Download Citation](#)

- [Environmental impact](#) [Thyroid diseases](#)

#### **Summary In brief: Found damage to Thyroid at 0.5ppm.**

Australian Bureau of Statistics cites 485,000 Australians, mainly women suffering Thyroid problems – includes Hashimoto's and Graves Disease. This figure does not include cancer of the thyroid. ABC Health Website - reports “about 60,000 new cases every year”. I expect the Council to be asking NSW Health for their comments and analysis of this latest research.

I keep reading that the Council is striving to improving its transparency to the public and making information more accessible. A good first step would be to reply to all correspondence with some constructive comment on the content and any literature etc that has been presented to Council and Councillors.

Wearily awaiting Answers - I am,

Yours Sincerely,

Connie Crawford.