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By email to:

**The Hon. Jenny Mikakos MP**

Minister for Health, Minister for Ambulance Services

Victorian Government

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**RE: Invitation for a briefing / consultation with visiting Professor Paul Connett**

Dear Minister Mikakos

Our organisation has corresponded with you recently. You replied to our email of 11 October 2019, about your water fluoridation program, by delegating it to Dr Danny Csutoros, Acting Deputy Chief Health Officer (Environment), Department of Health and Human Services. Thank you. We will respond to that reply shortly as it left several important issues and questions not dealt with. However, this letter is entirely directed to you, as Minister.

Our organisation represents concerned citizens Australia wide with several Advisory Board members being Victorian citizens. As such we request and invite you to arrange a meeting with our invited visitor, Professor Paul Connett from the USA, a leading world authority on the matter of fluoride exposure and water fluoridation. We are hosting the professor as he meets with a number of groups and councils around Australia in March and April. While he will be lecturing on several toxicology subjects in which he is expert, meetings with him on the matter of water fluoridation are arranged by us.

Professor Connett's full list of scientific and citizen advocacy achievements would take pages but several of the most pertinent are:

- (1) Lead author of the book *The Case Against Fluoride*, published in 2011 (Chelsea Green Publishing)
- (2) In the summer of 2000 he was invited by the York University team, which reviewed fluoridation for the British government, to peer review their report.
- (3) Several presentations on fluoridation to committees of the Irish Government and Ministry of Health.
- (4) In 2003 he gave an invited presentation to the USA National Research Council as part of their review of 'The toxicity of fluoride in drinking water', which resulted in the 2006 publication *Fluoride in Drinking Water: A Scientific Review of EPA's Standard*.
- (5) November 2004, representing Water Quality Australia Inc., Professor Connett had a lengthy meeting and presentation with Victoria's Chief Health Officer, Dr Robert Hall together with several DHS department heads, senior staff of the University of Melbourne School of Dental Sciences and a president of the Australian Dental Association. (It is possible that DHS did not take comprehensive minutes of that meeting—Water Quality Australia did and we are now the holders of those minutes, and would be happy to forward them to you.)
- (6) In 2010, Professor Connett provided testimony in a public consultation organized by the Science Committee on Health and the Environmental Research (SCHER) of the EU in Brussels.

Professor Connett will give testimony and is assisting to bring together a team of international experts, when water fluoridation goes on trial in the USA in April 2020. The US EPA is on trial for setting the allowable limits for fluoride in drinking water too high; given the very strong recent evidence that fluoride intake harms the developing brains of infants and children. Set to be heard in a Federal Court in San Francisco, the action against the EPA is being taken under the US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA).

We feel sure that you and certain members of your staff would wish to hear some of the evidence and concerns of our group through our invited expert, Professor Connett.

Paul Connett will be in Melbourne and available on Friday 27 March and probably Monday afternoon 30 March.

Kindly contact us as soon as possible so that we can lock in a meeting with you on that day, presumably at your office or a venue suitable for you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Parry', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

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For Professor Paul Connett's full bio [click here](#).