

Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Amendment Bill 2013

Explanatory Note

This explanatory note relates to this Bill as introduced to the Parliament.

Overview of Bill

The object of this Bill is to amend the *Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957* to enable the Minister to direct a water supply authority to add fluorine to a public water supply under its control. Failure to comply with such a direction is an offence (with a maximum penalty of \$5,500 and a maximum daily penalty of \$550 if the offence continues).

This is a Private Members Bill introduced by the Opposition Health Minister, Hon Dr A D McDonald MP

The Legislature of New South Wales enacts:

1. Name of Act

This Act is the *Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Amendment Act 2013*.

2. Commencement

This Act commences on the date of assent of this Act.

3. Amendment of Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Act 1957 No 58.

(1) Section 6 Addition of fluorine to public water supplies.

Insert "or at the direction of the Minister" after "Secretary" in section 6(2).

(2) Section 6AA

Insert after section 6A:

6AA Ministerial direction

(1) The Minister may, by order published in the Gazette, direct a water supply authority to add fluorine to a public water supply under its control.

(2) A water supply authority that fails to comply with a direction given by the Minister under this Section, or any terms attached to that direction, is guilty of an offence under this Act.

(3) Section 6B Discontinuance of Fluoridation.

Omit Section 6B(1), Insert instead:

(1) A water supply authority to which an approval has been granted or a direction has been given must not discontinue fluoridating the public water supply concerned unless:

(a) In the case of an approval or direction given under section 6 or 6A – the approval or direction is revoked by the Director General of the Ministry of Health, or

(b) In the case of a direction given under section 6AA – the direction is revoked by the Minister.

PLEASE NOTE



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Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights 19 October 2005

Article 6 – Consent

1. Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information. The consent should, where appropriate, be express and may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without disadvantage or prejudice.

2. Scientific research should only be carried out with the prior, free, express and informed consent of the person concerned. The information should be adequate, provided in a comprehensive form and should include modalities for withdrawal of consent. Consent may be withdrawn by the person concerned at any time and for any reason without any disadvantage or prejudice. Exceptions to this principle should be made only in accordance with ethical and legal standards adopted by States, consistent with the principles and provisions set out in this Declaration, in particular Article 27, and international human rights law.
3. In appropriate cases of research carried out on a group of persons or a community, additional agreement of the legal representatives of the group or community concerned maybe sought. In no case should a collective community agreement or the consent of a community leader or other authority substitute for an individual's informed consent.

It is understood that Australia is a signatory to UNESCO.

Letter from Australian Citizen to Members of the NSW Parliament

From: Sandy (name and email supplied)

Sent: Tuesday, 17 September 2013 10:23 PM

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Subject: Attn: Robert Stokes and members of the NSW Parliament - Please VOTE NO to this bill

"Coming Clean - A Plea to End Water Fluoridation"

17 September 2013

Re: Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies Amendment Bill 2013

Dear Robert Stokes and Distinguished Members of NSW Parliament,

I write to you not as someone who has any political power, but an ordinary member of the community who is concerned about the iron-fisted push to fluoridate every part of Australia at any cost. I write to you as one of many with a voice, but it is not being heard by those entrusted with our governance. Instead the protests of people are ridiculed and derided, dismissed and brushed aside as the rantings of a child in a nanny-state. This is my plea for you to listen at this 11th hour of your decision-making regarding the proposed bill to enshrine water fluoridation in legislative stone, fixed and permanent, and never to be questioned or reviewed in honesty... A tombstone more appropriately, to mark the grave of those who clung to the fluoridation myth from the 50's and 60's, despite clear and credible scientific evidence pouring forth year after year, showing the increasing harm of this poison as it amasses in our cells from the halo effect of dosing the main drinking water supplies.

I grew up in Sydney drinking fluoridated water and received a mouth full of mercury amalgam fillings. I did indeed have all the modern trappings of dentistry, but was later to discover that my chronic constipation and IBS symptoms, my gastric reflux and later my hypothyroidism were all symptoms of fluorosis (toxic levels of fluoride). When fluoride mixes with the hydrochloric acid of the stomach it forms hydrofluoric acid which scours the stomach lining and kills beneficial bacteria necessary to assist digestion and maintenance of the bowel lining. Fluoride doses in the amount many people drink in fluoridated water were also used by doctors in the 1960's to treat hyperthyroidism (overactive thyroid). Fluoridation, in other words, is a medical treatment proffered

as a caries prophylactic, but it also suppresses thyroid activity. So please do your due diligence and see what an epidemic of thyroid disease we now have in fluoridated areas.

This is my plea for you to look deep inside to the depths of your soul and review what we are doing to ourselves, our children, our elderly, our community. It's time to come clean. Fluoride, in all its forms, is not a nutrient - not even naturally occurring calcium fluoride which the body is able to reject easily because it is not very bio-available. Our water is dosed with industrial grade sodium fluoride, sodium silicofluoride or hydrofluorosilicic acid (classification S6 Poison) which contain all the other toxins and heavy metal contaminants that rose up the chimney with the fluoride gasses. It is a chemical, an untreated toxic waste extracted from chimney scrubbers of phosphate and aluminium processing factories. 99% flows out into the environment and only 1% is consumed. Environmental and health concerns have led to the cessation of fluoridation in most European countries, and even USA and Canada are seeing more and more cities voting to stop this archaic medical treatment and infringement of people's rights. Less than 5% of the world remains fluoridated in this day and age. Unfortunately this includes Australia. Since the big push to fluoridate the whole of Australia via the National Oral Health Plan, hatched by the dental lobby and infiltrated to government health officials, Australia has become the biggest fluoridator in the world with more fluoridated people per capita than any other country. This is not a record I am proud of, as fluoridation is a violation of human rights - the right to informed consent to medical treatment.

You cannot control the dose, as people can drink as much of the treatment water as they like, and you do not know how much people are exposed to from all sources. Therefore it is impossible for you to guarantee safety for everyone, including vulnerable population subgroups like people with kidney disease, chemical sensitivity, hypothyroidism, osteoporosis, infants and the elderly and infirm. The poorest and most vulnerable are the ones least able to afford the expensive filters to avoid the poison. These groups are the most likely to suffer the diseases of poor nutrition, including dental caries. Unfortunately fluoridated water is no magic bullet. It is instead a slow toxic bullet that delivers an enzyme-inhibiting attack on the nervous system. Yes, it is effective: An effective pesticide, that is.

Tasmania is a good example of the disaster of fluoridation public policy. Tasmania has the worst adult oral health in Australia. In fact, it has been dubbed in the media as the 'rotten apple' of Australia. Mr Wilkie, member for Denison, said in parliament, "My home state has some of the worst health statistics in Australia including those to do with heart disease, hypertension, diabetes, obesity and a range of cancers." Tasmania was the first state to commence fluoridation in 1953 with nearly full fluoridation levels since then.

It's time to come clean and review this remnant of the post war era. We should be big enough to admit it was a mistake. There have been many well-meaning legislators over the years who thought they were doing the right thing... But the evidence now shows this idea was very misguided. ***Fluoridation has been a massive failure in public health policy.***

I recommend you read an excellent review by Associate Professor (Uni NSW) Niyi Awofeso published in 2012 titled, "**Ethics of Artificial Water Fluoridation in Australia.**" Professor Awofeso specialises in Public Health and Community Medicine. "The author concludes that there is insufficient ethical justification for artificial water fluoridation in Australia."

If God is listening may He move his light of understanding through each and every heart in the parliamentary chamber. Please do not continue to dose your fellow human beings with this insidious poison. People are pleading and screaming for it to stop. The most vulnerable cannot tolerate it anymore. The cellular fluoride load has now accumulated to such an extent that it is heavily weighing down the immune system of so many people. The side effects of the pollution are now becoming more obvious with increasing allergy, eczema, psoriasis and other skin disorders, osteoporosis (fluorosis of the bones), metabolic syndrome, hypercalcaemia, hypothyroidism and nervous system disorders. Fluorine is the most acidic element on the periodic table of elements. It is highly reactive - not only dissolving concrete, but also dissolving the integrity of our cell walls. It is simply not meant to be ingested.

How much more will people have to suffer before you come clean and stop the dosing?

If you care about your community and about our country, if you care about ethics and having a functional democracy, please vote NO to this bill before the parliament. Please vote FOR people's health freedom.

Finally, please answer these questions honestly, as though you were making a commitment to God Himself:

"Do you understand there is no margin of error, no safety buffer, in the treatment, and that at least some people in the population are more sensitive to fluoride accumulation, such as those with kidney disease, chemical sensitivity, hypothyroidism, osteoporosis, babies and elderly?"

"Do you understand that ingested fluoride accumulates in the calcified tissue IN ALL PEOPLE over time - including bones and the pineal gland - as only approximately 50% is excreted (less in children)?"

"Do you understand that the World Health Organisation and the ADA fluoride lobby itself, have in their public documents disclaimer references recommending study of the amount of fluoride people are being exposed to from all sources?"

"Do you understand that no toxicological fluoridation exposure studies have been undertaken in Australia since they were recommended by NHMRC in 1991?"

"Do you take full responsibility (both severally and jointly) for any resulting adverse health effects suffered by the recipients of this therapeutic treatment if you mandate it via your dosing agents (councils and water authorities)?"

I look forward to discovering the results of your *conscientious* deliberations.

Yours sincerely
Sandy (name and address supplied)

"Rise like Lions after slumber In unvanquishable number,
Shake your chains to earth like dew
Which in sleep had fallen on you –
Ye are many - they are few."

~ Percy Bysshe Shelley ~