

Dear Anti Fluoridation Campaigners

I was arrested yesterday (25th February 2009) for chaining myself to the Coffs Harbour office of the NSW Premier and shutting down the building.

The action was to highlight and protest against the imminent adding of fluoride to our water supply and the breach of human rights that is fluoridation.

My court case is on the 23rd March.

I co-operated fully with police and they were very kind and even privately supportive of my stand.

3 hours in the charge room would have been more bearable with a "friend" but apart from that it was a wonderfully liberating experience.

I'm so relieved I don't have to write another submission or send another letter to cloth-eared Health Departments or Govt ministers about the dangers of sodium silicofluoride – I just have to keep on getting arrested.

I believe our movement needs to push for no forced or mass medication in our proposed national Bill of Human Rights – submissions close on 31st July 2009.

See www.democracycentral.org.au/charter.php for details

Our new Charter needs to have supremacy over acts of Parliament.

I do believe a national campaign of civil disobedience (sit-ins) needs to ensue. People who don't want to get arrested don't have to – if you are asked by police to move on and you do then there is no problem.

I actually asked to be arrested. I could have been accused of being over zealous – the arresting officer had the hugest grin on his face and came to shake my hand before I left the station.

I have a solicitor friend in the Environmental Defenders Office preparing to give me advice about my court case. Obviously I won't be pleading 'not guilty', but I will be able to outline why I took this action. Whether I can run a Paul Connett or Mark Diesendorf power point presentation is another matter but I think we should make as much mileage out of my arrest as possible.

One thing I do know is that a chain of actions must follow yesterday's action – in **rapid** succession.

Momentum is more important than numbers for now.

We have enough facts about the dangers of fluoridation; it's now time to take direct action before our cause is overwhelmed by Climate Change, Peak Oil and financial events.

I saw a window of opportunity and I jumped out of it. This approach was frowned upon by my parents and their friends but as Pope John Paul II said "the truth is not always the same as the majority decision"

All the best
Wayne Evans
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