

# 12 Reasons to reject fluoridation!

For over 100 years, science and medicine have understood the poisonous nature of fluoride. In the 1930's and 40's, giant US companies, e.g. ALCOA, were sued for millions of dollars due to toxic fluoride waste belching from factory smokestacks killing crops and livestock. ALCOA's owners (Mellon) figured that if people could be persuaded fluoride isn't poisonous but is good for teeth, profits could be protected. So, to introduce water fluoridation, they hired the brilliant 'father of propaganda' Edward L. Bernays. Joined later by other fluoride polluting industries (e.g. nuclear) and the multi-billion dollar sugar, toothpaste, confectionary and soft drink industries, they became strong financial supporters of dental associations that promoted fluoridation. One such support group, the Dental Health Education & Research Foundation, was founded in Australia in 1962. DHERF's Governors, Members and donors have included key representatives from Coca-Cola, CSR, Kelloggs, Colgate-Palmolive, Wrigleys, Arnotts, Scanlens, Cadbury Schweppes, etc.

The simple proofs below require no expertise in fluoride toxicity, just common sense.

1. **Only parents or individuals** have the right to decide if they or their children take **drugs**. This point **should** end the compulsory fluoridation controversy.

(The U.S. Food and Drug Administration show fluoride isn't a food, nutrient or dietary supplement: "Sodium fluoride used for therapeutic effect \*[e.g. water fluoridation] would be a **drug**, not a mineral nutrient." *F.D.A. 1963*).

2. **Claiming fluoride is natural**, as it is found in the Earth's crust or water, is misleading. So is arsenic, mercury and other poisons. The chemical used to fluoridate Australians (85% fluoridated) is untreated toxic waste from inside fertiliser factory smokestacks.

3. **The World Health Organisation's (WHO)** International Agency for Research on Cancer, reports sodium silicofluoride [as used for fluoridation in Australia] as, "... an insecticide, fungicide, bactericide and rodenticide [rat poison] ... [and] a fluoridating agent for municipal drinking-water. ... The Commission of the European Communities (1978) requires that sodium silicofluoride be labelled as toxic by inhalation, in contact with the skin or if swallowed." *I.A.R.C. Monograph on the Evaluation of the Carcinogenic Risk of Chemicals to Humans*, 27-4-82, p 250.

4. **Doctors have legal and medical restrictions** in prescribing drugs. A patient's medical history, age, weight, sex, allergic reactions, other drugs taken and illnesses must be determined. After an adequate medical exam, scripts must be in writing, for a specific person, drug, duration and dose - never 'take some when you're thirsty'. Harmful side-effects must be explained. You can refuse! These 15 safety requirements are vital. All are ignored with fluoridation.

5. **Fluoride deaths**. In a 5 month court case of world experts in Pittsburgh 1978, scientists, led by Dr Burk, a US National Cancer Institute founder and its Chief Chemist for 35 years, proved fluoridation **\*\*kills 10,000 yearly (cancer), admitted by opponents under cross-examination**. In Brisbane, 2 year old **\*\*Jason Burton** died after taking 5-6 fluoride pills. His death certificate states, 'Fluoride poisoning'. In New York, 3 year old **\*\*William Kennerly** died from a 'fluoride rinse' at a dentist. The Court awarded US\$750,000.

6. **Fluoridation is undemocratic**. We rejected it in over 90% of referendums, with votes as high as 98% against. Now, referendums are usually denied us.

7. **Fluoridation does not reduce decay**. Few (4%) countries are fluoridated yet nearly all have decades of falling decay rates, including all 10 (unfluoridated) in west continental Europe. WHO ([www.whocollab.od.mah.se](http://www.whocollab.od.mah.se)) Also, decay was reducing decades **before** fluoridation, e.g. NZ school records since 1930 show steep decay reductions for 25-35 years before fluoridation.

8. **Among experts, the fluoridation argument rages**. If the safety of any chemical or drug is so highly controversial, doesn't common sense demand it isn't used at all? Certainly not forced on millions of people, in unknown amounts, every day of their life!

9. **Fluoride is so toxic it causes fluorosis**, a disease of constant 'whole body' fluoride poisoning. Its first sign is chalky white mottling of teeth (dental fluorosis). Teeth can also fracture, pit or become dark brown. This irreversible, disfiguring **tooth decay** is the cellular break down of teeth. Australia's three major government fluoridation inquiries (Tas 1968, Vic 1979, ACT 89-91) all reported that up to 10% of children will get mottled teeth if water is fluoridated. In practice, mottling is as high as 48% (UK Govt. *York Report*, 2000). Dentists make \$600-\$1,200 **per tooth** to hide (put covers over) mottling.

10. **Fluoridation aside**, most other decay is due to a poor diet of lots of processed carbohydrates, e.g. we average 22 teaspoons of sugar a day. The only reason teeth get **badly** decayed is they weren't filled early enough as parents often can't pay the high fees charged by dentists - who earn up to \$500,000 a year.

11. **Australian authorities often make mistakes**. Fluoridation is claimed to be safe, but so was Arsenic, DDT, Thalidomide, Dioxin, Asbestos, Agent Orange, the Dalkon Shield, Deildrin, Mercury, Lead and more recently, Vioxx, all shown later to harm or kill people. But at least they weren't compulsory. Fluoridation is!

12. **If someone tried to force us to take a pill** every time we drank a glass of water, we'd suggest they go where it's eternally hot. The only real difference with fluoridation is that the pill is dissolved in the water before they make us take it.

\* Comments in square brackets [ ] are Mr. Stevenson's. \*\* See 'search' below.

If fluoridation is forced onto any State, deaths and tooth decay will increase (search 'fluoride deaths', 'dental fluorosis' on the internet) and the ecosystem, other life forms and our rights will suffer.

ACTION: 1. Copy this page as is © 2007. 2. Form a team. 3. Letterbox your electorate. 4. Display on notice boards/shops. 5. Tell Councillors and MP's of your will. Dennis Stevenson, 0405 914677, P.O. Box 109 Palm Beach, Qld 4221 Australia, can help with fluoridation talks, interviews, debates, humour, workshops and campaign plans.

Dennis is a former Parliamentarian and Member of the ACT Legislative Assembly 'Fluoridation Inquiry' (1989-91). The majority of inquiry members would not report the scientific, medical, dental and court evidence received in worldwide submissions proving that fluoridation causes disease, deaths, tooth decay and is useless and environmentally destructive. Dennis put this evidence in a 177 page *Dissenting Report*, part of this major government report, but longer than their 119 pages which attempted to suppress the evidence.