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Queenslanders Lead the Way

People Power reverses QLD fluoridation policy while vested-interests complain

The Queensland LNP Government reversed its mandatory fluoridation policy on 29th Nov 2012 and delegated to local councils whether to stop the discredited practice. And so far, ten councils have.

Awareness of the real intent of fluoridation continues to spread and many are vocal in opposition, especially once they have done some research and discovered that the fluoridation chemicals used are toxic industrial wastes collected from factory smokestack emissions.

Many are aware of the fluoridation agenda and have worked hard for the change. Polls in various population centres show Queenslanders are widely rejecting fluoridation.

Now the opportunity is for communities to undo the last few years of forced fluoridation, with some communities being faster than others to do so. Unfortunately, the decision is up to councils instead of the people through a referendum.

Authorities with vested interests in fluoridation, such as dental, medical and government health and research bodies, along with the mainstream media, are in damage control, and are churning out all sorts of propaganda to support the disposal of their "protected pollutant".

Some fluoridaters such as Queensland's Chief Health Officer Jeannette Young (*Courier Mail*, 15 Jan 2013) have made claims of "scare-mongering". Yet it is they who advocate industrial fluoride but omit the scary facts about where the fluoride comes from and what its effects are. When fluoridaters are asked to show proof of "safe and effective" they dodge the question. In over fifty years the proof of the "safe and effective" claim has never been forthcoming.

Around the world, tooth decay has declined at similar rates in fluoridated and non-fluoridated communities, indicating fluoride has little, if any, effect on decay. This is also shown by large official scientific fluoridation studies such as the US NIDR (National Institute of Dental Research) study in 1986-7 of some 39,000 children. As Queenslanders for Safe Water, Air and Food (QAWF) point out, fluoride isn't effective:

"Data from the 2004-2006 National Adult Oral Health Survey showed that adults from the heavily fluoridated Australian

states had no less tooth decay than did Queensland adults before fluoridation."

Dental fluorosis is the first visible sign of irreversible fluoride poisoning, which damages the teeth. Fluorosis creates more business for dentists, which is why dentists are now warning that without fluoride, teeth will decay right out of people's heads - LOL! Many dentists believe fluoride works. Ka-Ching!

All this comes as many areas of South-East Queensland in January again suffered extreme floods following the disastrous floods two years previously.

Democracy prevails in some QLD Councils

Residents of most parts of recently fluoridated Queensland still remember their freedom and what it's like to have water free from fluoride and don't give this up too easily.

So far at least ten councils have voted to discontinue the practice: Tablelands, North Burnett, South Burnett, Doomadgee Aboriginal Council, Cairns, Bundaberg, Burdekin, Fraser Coast, Cloncurry and Charters Towers.

So far that's more than 400,000 people free from compulsory daily drugging through their kitchen taps. **That is 30 towns without fluoridation, and they will once again be places to live in and holiday safely, where residents and tourists won't be poisoned by governments or councils.**

Earlier in 2012, smaller communities were given the option to end the requirement for fluoridation, due to the exorbitant installation and running costs for small communities.

By September 2012, Tablelands Mayor Rosa Lee Long had surveyed the residents of Mareeba and found two thirds were against fluoridation. The community also resented the lack of consultation. She told *The Australian* (15 Sep, 2012):

"A lot of our populous [sic] is dead against fluoride being put in the water. They've let us know loud and clearly that we don't want it... I personally don't think it should be forced on anybody. I think if you like fluoride and are really keen on the idea, you should go and get the tablets... I don't like dictatorship."

Outspoken Nudgee LNP MP Jason Woodforth found the support of at least 30 other MPs in Parliament. He was vocal in

the media, calling fluoride a "brain-altering poison" and was attacked by the usual vested interests. Would these critics dare to investigate for themselves the 36 human studies indicating damage to IQ? Woodforth said there was broad backbench support for fluoride to be outlawed completely, as the substance was a proven neurotoxin.

Cairns Regional Council on the 30th January rejected fluoridation on the grounds of it being "involuntary medication" of residents. According to a council spokesperson quoted in Fairfax's *The Brisbane Times* (Feb 6, 2013), "The decision has been made... it shouldn't be forced on people without consent."

Cairns Council had based its decision on the policy of the Local Government Areas Queensland (LGAQ), which states:

"Local Government believes it is a principle of ethical public health policy that mass, involuntary medication must never proceed without the express consent of the community."

The LGAQ adds that such consent "should be sought either by the State Government or Local Government" if they intended to fluoridate. Curiously, this was also part of QLD Health's (Government) position statement of 2003.

Cloncurry has also voted against fluoridation. Mayor Andrew Daniels in *The North West Star* (25 Feb 2013) said:

"The ongoing cost is one thing... local government shouldn't have to supply that to the community when it's easy for them to keep a toothbrush and toothpaste and take care of their own teeth... If we start cleaning their teeth for them, will they want us to start wiping their backsides for them too?"

Councils are sometimes truly democratic when Councillors and/or Aldermen vote to express the views of the people who elected them, even when federal and state governments and their departments provide only entrenched dogmatic policy sponsored by vested interests.

Regions saying they will keep Fluoridation

Some councils that have voted to continue dosing their people with the fluoride drug include long-time fluoridated Townsville (along with its military base) and Toowoomba.

Toowoomba Council voted six to five to keep fluoridating part of Toowoomba city, but they decided not to fluoridate the smaller surrounding towns which would cost far more.

Brisbane's Lord Mayor Graham Quirk told *ABC News* (online, 18 Dec 2012) he believed the majority of residents supported fluoridation, but didn't say how he knew this.

He also estimated "it would be an absolute minimum cost of \$150 million to exit fluoride from the water supply. That would be the costs associated with additional trunk line systems and additional treatment plants."

Simply, how hard is it to turn off a tap? Brisbane's water distributor SEQ Water covers a number of council areas and it would need a co-ordinated effort amongst councils who genuinely wanted to preserve the health and rights of their constituents and to vote against using the public kidney to dispose of fluoride wastes. This factor was likely a consideration when the LNP was considering handing the decision over to councils, as the fluoridating interests will particularly want to keep Brisbane dosed. So now it's up to how well informed and vocal the people of Brisbane and surrounding areas are. All help is appreciated.

Any council voting to retain fluoridation will impose the significant operational costs upon their ratepayers each year.

Dental Authority 'Pot' Calls Kettle Black

In a typical anti-democratic outburst from the Australian Dental Association, *The Sydney Morning Herald* (14 February 2013) reported:

"The Australian Dental Association has condemned the Queensland government's decision to let councils decide if fluoride should be added to their water supplies... The Association's President, Karin Alexander, says the decision should not rest with 'ill-informed' local councils. 'The stupidity has to stop,' she said."

No doubt the councils, which represent the residents in their area, are hardly likely to accept the ADA's pronouncement that they are stupid.

Nor is Queensland's now democratic government, which should be applauded for giving the population some say in whether they want fluoridation or not.

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Keep in mind that when referenda of the population have been held, almost without exception, the vote of the people is for freedom of choice and against compulsory artificial fluoridation. Usually the vote against fluoride is overwhelming.

It should be remembered that the choice about what we consume in the way of water, food or medicine, is a BASIC HUMAN RIGHT, which no dentist, government agency or corporate entity is entitled to override.

This is particularly the case with toxic fluoride chemicals, known to be cumulative in the body with adverse effects. To impose the consumption of any medication, where the dose received depends solely on an individual's thirst - as the ADA does - should let councils and the public see who is *really* "stupid".

Lobbyists and Political Encouragement

The majority of members of political parties still endorse industrial waste dumped in Australian tap water. And many Australians often vote for those political parties, without being fully aware of some of the implications.

Well-paid lobbyists representing industries and organisations with either major air pollution problems or with other financial interests seem to have undue influence on our politicians.

Perhaps we'd find the answer as to why political parties love fluorides if those parties were to publish where all their funding comes from? An editorial in *The Age* (4 Feb 2012) reported that parties had not owned up to where \$70 million of funds had come from in 2011. No transparency, no democracy.

The Federal Health Minister Tanya Plibersek (ABC News Radio, 11 Dec 2012) repeated the same old words. If you didn't know much about fluoride, it might sound convincing. When you know it's industrial fluoride and how much money keeps it flowing into our kitchen taps, then her superficial rhetoric becomes understandable: "We can't question the sacred cow, the protected pollutant."

But more people are asking questions, especially in Queensland, where consequently the government has changed its position and now allows local *councils* to choose.

Media handling of the "tricky issue"

Investigative journalism requires challenging false statements from politicians and bureaucrats, especially when such statements mislead human beings into believing it is safe to drink diluted industrial waste.

How much are people willing to pay for mainstream newspapers, either in print or online, if they knew they are only receiving fluoridation propaganda?

Our media buy into the dental spin without questioning why so few countries fluoridate their people, where the fluoride comes from, and where the vested interests lie. Might our media be implicated too?

Does our media mention that fluoridation chemicals are sourced from industrial suppliers, typically phosphate fertiliser factories and aluminium smelters?

We rarely see stories on fluoride's proven effects on the human body: the thyroid, the brain (there's now 36 studies proving that fluoride damages IQ), the gastro-intestinal tract (including cancers), skin conditions, musculoskeletal concerns (higher rates of hip fractures and bone cancers), and disarms the immune system. Just the tip of the iceberg.

Yet the media largely ignore them. Although sometimes 'journalists' try their best to preserve the "protected pollutant's" image by referring to such science in a belittling way.

Most Queensland editorials and some of the stories in recent years and months have endorsed fluoridation propaganda and could have been written by fluoridation promoters themselves, and probably were.

Journalists have some great research skills but may not be allowed to use them to research fluoridation, at least officially. Consider this editorial in the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* (Feb 21):

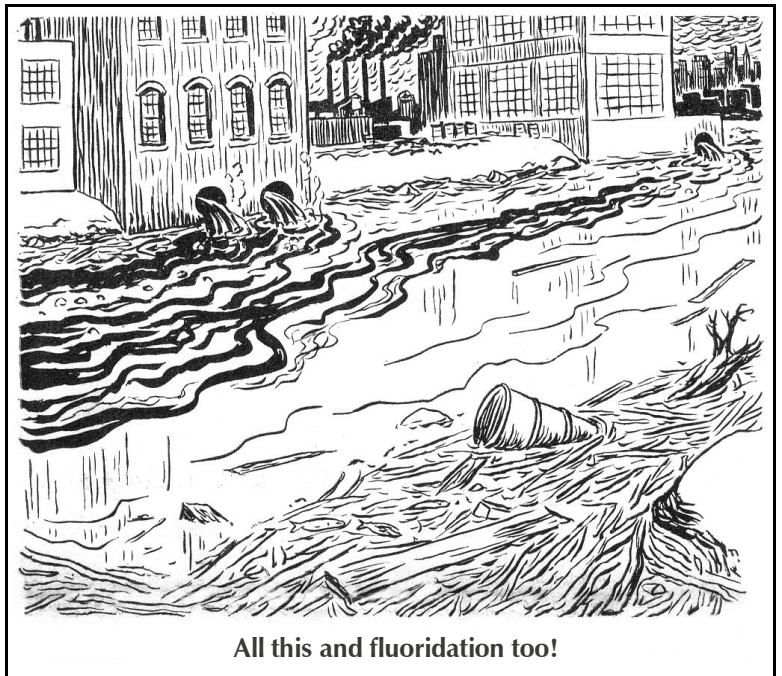
"I'm the first to confess I have no idea who has the right of the matter and am duly restrained in my opinions... Consider that the head of the Queensland arm of the Australian Dental Association says it is absurd to ban fluoride. This weighs heavy on my uninformed mind but I still don't know if fluoride is good or bad."

Sometimes the "tricks of the trade" get exposed in the media. Australian website FluorideAustralia.org has done a fine job tracking the various newspaper articles on fluoridation, as well as 'outing' the occasional small troll. In December, the *Gold Coast News* quickly removed some possibly unfavourable poll results from their website, but not before Fluoride Australia copied and posted them. The "Remove Fluoride?" poll shows 71% of votes as YES and 26% as NO (retain). A more recent poll (March 5), likely using heavily biased questions, asserted that 66% now want to retain fluoridation, in contradiction of everywhere else in the state.

ABC1's 7.30 Report (14th Dec 2012 & 27th Feb 2013)

While the programs themselves seemed balanced, it was basic reporting with little critical investigation of the claims. Still it's good to get some of the facts out there and this is the result of much awareness, passion and perseverance in Queensland.

In the ABC's February program, a woman in the preceding introductory clip was shown as being part of a crazy minority, a classic stereotype favoured by the US Public Health Service since the 1950s. Referring to fluoridation, she said "please take it out", and further words that were barely audible on TV. We compare her in the next few seconds with an authoritative male figurehead emphatically saying "there are no reputable



All this and fluoridation too!

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health authorities anywhere in the world that oppose water fluoridation". Clearly, he's not as well-read as he looked! The lady appears caring and compassionate, but TV editors used those few seconds to bias viewers' initial frame of reference for the entire story later in the program. They wanted the uninformed to choose between: "Crazy" or "Professional"?

It's a simple TV trick that can work on viewers who know little about a subject. The program will have reinforced the views of some unquestioning Queenslanders, and also attempted to limit damage to fluoride's image interstate.

The ABC has rarely shown thorough investigative journalism on fluoridation since the repercussions that followed the balanced *Four Corners* program on the subject in 1979.

Fluoridation Lobbyists and "Authorities"

Reputable science and medicine are clear: fluoride doesn't prevent decay and there is no safe level of fluoride. The continuation of fluoridation depends solely on the endorsement and enforcement by "Authorities". They don't want any of us to have a say.

The United Nations' WHO, along with Australia's NHMRC, ADA, AMA and other public authorities have not done any research to prove that fluoridation is either safe or effective.

The UN's World Health Organisation (WHO) is often cited by fluoridationists as endorsing fluoridation. But "endorsement" doesn't mean it's either "safe or effective".

***'This mania of our century to add additives to anything.'* G. Penso, WHO Assembly delegate, 1969**

Dr George Waldbott, in his book *"Fluoridation: The Great Dilemma"* explains how vested interests promote fluoridation. The World Health Organisation in 1958 established an Expert Committee to study fluoridation, with at least five of the seven committee members being fluoridation promoters in their own countries, including Dr. JW Knutson and Professor HC Hodge, and Swedish Professor Ericsson. The latter was one of Europe's most prominent advocates of fluoridation, and "had been a recipient of USPHS research grants and subsequently received royalties from Sweden's toothpaste industry."

Dr Waldbott then tells how the World Health Organisation came to endorse fluoridation:

"On July 23, 1969, fluoridation was brought up again at the 22nd World Health Organization Assembly in Boston. The resolution recommending the measure appeared on the agenda daily but was strongly opposed and blocked by delegates from Italy, Senegal, the Congo, and elsewhere. G Penso, head of the Italian delegation, expressed his concern regarding "this mania of our century to add additives to anything." He pointed out that there are unknown amounts of fluoride in the air we breathe and in the food we eat. He cautioned particularly about possible damage to future generations.

"... during the final hours of the session, when only 55 to 60 of the 1,000 delegates from 131 countries were still present, all bills that had not been accepted were collected into one and voted upon, including a statement on fluoridation." - Dr G Waldbott, on WHO's endorsement

Nevertheless, during the final hours of the session, when only 55 to 60 of the 1,000 delegates from 131 countries were still present, all bills that had not been accepted were collected into one and voted upon, including a statement on fluoridation. This mildly-worded resolution urged that member states examine the possibility of introducing fluoridation in those communities where fluoride intake from water and other sources "is below the optimal levels." It also requested the Director General to continue to encourage research into the etiology of dental caries, the fluorine content of diets, the mechanism of action of fluoride at optimal levels in drinking water, and into the effects of greatly excessive intake of fluoride from natural sources, and to report thereon to the World Health Assembly...."

Countries were urged to examine the possibility of fluoridating while carrying out research, not to initiate the scheme, or perhaps worse still, to use massive resources to go flat out promoting the practice.

The other bastions of authoritarian medicine, the US Public Health Service (PHS), the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the AMA, ADA (in the USA and in Australia) all stack up endorsements like a house of cards. And not forgetting the Australian National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) who were quick to endorse fluoridation in 1953, even before the original 10 year US "Fluoridation Trials" (1945 to 1955) were completed. The NHMRC still hasn't completed any studies that prove their endorsement of "safe and effective".

Do You Trust Authoritarian Medicine?

Our implicit trust in Authority runs deep. Fraser Coast Mayor Gerard O'Connell said in the *Fraser Coast Chronicle* (21 Feb) :

"I took everybody's advice, and you can imagine how much we got, but the advice I subscribe to is that fluoride can be controlled and the advice from the ADA, medicos, and others in the sector pointed to it preventing tooth decay. I find it hard to believe that every other state in Australia is poisoning its people."

It may also hard to believe that while most of the rest of the world doesn't fluoridate, this "third world country" is actively dosing its people with diluted carcinogenic factory fluoride wastes. We say to the Mayor (and anyone else grappling with this) to suspend their disbelief and invest some time researching it further. You'll likely be dismayed and shocked by this aspect of human nature, as many of us are when we first find out what some of our fellow human beings are capable of. But we deal with it. After a time, we actively stand for free choice for all.

The former Queensland Premier who, just to thoroughly test Queenslanders' mettle (or as a strong signal of disrespect?) also wanted to add recycled sewage to drinking water!

Conclusion

Fluoridation polarises the community. Those who question and investigate further than the mainstream media discover there's much more to the fluoride debate than supposedly good teeth. That's why referenda in Australian communities almost always show a landslide majority for freedom of choice.

Still the best outcome for the people of Queensland would be to choose for themselves in a referendum. Second prize is for councils to obey the majority will of their constituents.

Queensland Premier Campbell Newman knew he had to respond to public anger about fluoridation. He says he supports fluoridation, but that it's now up to local councils to choose. He said *"we believe big brother, one-size-fits-all approaches from Brisbane are not the way to go."* (*Courier Mail*, 11 Dec 2012)

Which makes it interesting that when Newman was Brisbane Lord Mayor, he said it was not an issue for council, but for state government. It seems he's never wanted to make the choice.

The large political parties in Australia were influenced a long time ago on disposing of fluorides and the QLD LNP has found it hard to say "no" to fluoridation. But have they satisfied the growing bloc of voters who know what fluoridation is about?

You don't have to be a qualified 'expert' to choose a basic human right for yourself: clean water free from industrial waste!

Fluoridation rests on Lobbyists and 'Authorities' – and nothing else. No science, no medicine, and no toxicology has yet been able to prove its "safety or effectiveness".

While "history" and "realism" tell us that fluoridaters have deep pockets, the growing awareness in Queensland points to the value of being optimistic and continuing to inform and alert human beings who deserve better.

Queenslanders have an opportunity to show the rest of Australia (and other fluoridated parts of the world) what reclaiming our freedom is all about. And there are many good reasons for us all to join in!

For more information, see qawf.org, fluoridaustralia.org, or your local anti-fluoridation group. Also see www.fluoridationnews.com, for resources, previous editions & interesting videos and films.

Quotes:

HL Mencken: *"The most dangerous man to any government is the man who is able to think things out for himself, without regard to the prevailing superstitions and taboos. Almost inevitably he comes to the conclusion that the government he lives under is dishonest, insane, and intolerable."*

Marianne Williamson, quoted in *Transition Handbook* (2008): *"Creating a world we want is a much more subtle but powerful mode of operation than destroying the one we don't want."*

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