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Keeping Australia's Water Pure

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There is a massive push to fluoridate Australia's water supply by unscrupulous politicians who feel that the Australian people needn't have a say in the process. So, what I am going to do is to present some of the truths that will be kept from you.

You are told that fluoridation is “safe”, “effective”, and “economical”. What you are not told is that no toxicology studies have ever been done on the **industrial grade** fluoride substances that would be added to the water supply. Let me put that in a better perspective. There are two grades of fluoride substances, aside from naturally occurring fluoride which, I might add, is never added to the water supply. There is pharmaceutical grade, which is the best case scenario. This is the stuff used in toothpaste. Check out the back of your tube of toothpaste where it says, **”Keep out of reach of children under 6 years of age. If more than used for brushing is accidentally swallowed, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center right away.** Don't you love it? Then there is industrial grade. Oh, indeed there is. This industrial grade fluoride is a by-product of the aluminum and fertilizer industries. It is used as rat poison and pesticides. But, somehow when it's placed in the water supply, it goes through a metamorphosis and is transformed into something as pure as the driven snow. Not on your life! You are also not told that too much of this stuff causes dental fluorosis, which is a mottling or crumbling of the enamel of the tooth. But don't worry, your friendly dentist will apply crowns to the teeth for any where between \$800 - \$2000 per tooth, which need to be replaced roughly every five years.

Anyway, getting back to toxicology studies: On October 2, 2001, on a Hawaii Public Radio broadcast, after being told that the 1500 member body of the EPA Union of Scientists voted unanimously for a moratorium on water fluoridation because no toxicology studies had ever been done, Hawaii's Dental Chief, Dr. Mark Greer, said that that remark had been contradicted by the National Sanitation Foundation and the EPA and that he, Dr. Greer, would forward the citations to another participant on the same show. Since that show aired almost seven years ago, I have requested a copy of those reports at least six times. Each time I make the request it is ignored. Even requesting it under the Freedom of Information Act to Dr. Chiyome Fukino, Hawaii's new Health Director, it is ignored. Why do you suppose that is? Allow me to tell you. There is no such report! Dr. Greer said what he said to make it appear as if there were no flaws in the water fluoridation system. If I were they and they were me, I would send them a copy of that report, in a heartbeat, if there were such a report, just to shut them up.

You are also told that children on military bases, which are mandatorially fluoridated, have better dental health than children not on military bases. You are not told that all children living on military bases have access to repeated dental care whereas all children not living on military bases do not.

You are also not told that the American Indian reservations on the U.S. mainland are mandatorially fluoridated as well, yet they experience dental disease well above the national average.

We are always told how effective fluoridation is but we never see any reports to corroborate this. We are not told that Europe is 98% unfluoridated and their dental problems are no worse than ours. We are not told that Washington, D.C., Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York City, and Boston, just to name a few cities that have been fluoridated since 1952, 1952, 1954, 1965, and 1978, respectively, are in the midst of dental crises well above the national average.

We are not told that before this **industrial grade** fluoride was put into the water supply, the industries that produced this garbage had to pay millions of dollars a year to dispose of it properly as a toxic waste chemical. Now, municipalities are paying them millions of dollars a year to dispose of it through the water supply. And since only 10% of this stuff is used by humans, the other 90% is dumped into the environment through our toilets, showers, car washes, plant waterings, dish washing, and laundry activities, destroying and toxifying all it comes in contact with.

We are told that the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention support water fluoridation. We are not told that the CDC says that, “fluoride’s effectiveness is topical and predominantly after the tooth has come into the mouth”. We are told that fluoride protects the teeth. We are not told that fluoride protects the enamel of the teeth while sealants protect the grooves of the teeth, mainly on the chewing surfaces on the back teeth. Although the grooves only comprise 15% of all permanent tooth surfaces they were the site of 90% of tooth decay in U.S. children in 1986-87. So, fluoridation only covers a minimal amount of tooth decay. How’s that for economical?

We are not told about the study done in China which showed an increase in hip fractures in the elderly with the concentration of fluoride in water over the range of 1 – 4.3 ppm and greater. Nor are we told that the symptoms of fluorosis mimic the symptoms of osteoporosis due to the accumulation of fluoride in the bones. We are not told that the China study found a lowering of the IQ in Chinese children at 1.8 ppm in their drinking water. We are not told that fluoride accumulates in the pineal gland, that there is an uptake of lead into children’s blood in communities using industrial grade fluoride in the drinking water as more than 90% of the communities in the U.S. do, and that without water fluoridation we are already ingesting more than 8 ppm from produce, bottled juices, soft drinks, and vitamins produced where the water is fluoridated. And, we are not told that since 1990 120 communities have ceased water fluoridation.

We are not told that the reasons that dentists push fluoride are twofold. 1. Because they are told to blindly accept it without doing any research by the American Dental Association. And 2, that dentists are reluctant to accept what welfare or Medicare pays for the dental treatment of the poor, resulting in dentists pushing fluoridation so they can sleep better at night without feeling guilty.

There was an interesting scenario at Harvard University in 2006. A dental doctoral student, Elise Bassin, in her thesis, found a connection between fluoride and bone cancer in young boys. When her professor and Head of the Dental School, Dr. Chester Douglass, released her thesis, he somehow managed to omit the part about fluoride and bone cancer. When the dust settled, it was found that Dr. Douglass had financial ties to the Colgate-Palmolive Company. Ah, the integrity within the sacred hallowed halls of academia.

Even more important than all of the above is the fact that mandatory fluoridation strips each and every one of us of our Constitutional Right to Freedom of Choice, it comes with absolutely no dosage control, and if you experience an adverse reaction from it, you bear the cost of correction. As a farmer who testified at the hearing put it, “we have to pay for the water to be fluoridated and then we have to pay for it to be removed”

For more complete data please visit www.fluoridealert.org.

Aloha!