

# FLUORIDE ACTION NETWORK (N Z) (Inc)

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## 3 District Councils say "NO!"

District Health Boards launched assaults on 3 District Councils in the last year: **Southland, Gore, and Rotorua**. All rejected fluoridation. Rotorua called for the MoH to rethink its "cheap nasty and ineffective policy". SDC also asked that the fluoridation bribe money be used to support real oral health initiatives. Timaru, Wairoa, Christchurch Councils have also rejected DHBs' calls. Dr Mike Godfrey (see p3) was particularly influential, speaking at both Rotorua and Gore (who flew him down especially). The South Island West Coast and the Far North are still to be attacked, particularly focussing on manipulating Maori to support the call.

## FAN(NZ) CALLS FOR FLUORIDATION MORATORIUM

Press release, Fluoride Action Network (NZ) Inc.  
Thursday 12 August 2004.

Fluoride Action Network (NZ) Inc. has called for an immediate moratorium on water fluoridation today – to remain until there is proof of safety. This call comes on the heels of the latest in a series of research, published since the Public Health Commission reports in 1994 and 1995, demonstrating central nervous system (CNS) damage from fluoride at current levels of intake. "The Swedish research team, arguably the world leaders in brain research, showed lowering of neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptor levels in the brain at the same blood-fluoride levels we find in fluoridated communities." The researchers state "The neuronal nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (nAChRs) in the brain are important for functional processes, including cognitive and memory functions... The nAChRs are found to be involved in a complex range of central nervous system disorders including Alzheimer's disease, Parkinson's disease, schizophrenia, Tourette's syndrome, anxiety, depression, and epilepsy."

## NZ DEMOCRATIC PARTY SUPPORTS CALL

The NZ Democratic Party immediately supported our call, following a presentation at their annual conference. The right not to be subject to forced medication is specifically part of the Party's policy.

## 1500 AUSTRALIAN DOCTORS AND DENTISTS CALL FOR HALT

On 31 August 2004 the group "**PROFESSIONALS AGAINST WATER FLUORIDATION**" called for a halt to this disgraceful practice. One of the executive is Dr Doug Everingham, former Minister of Health. A pity Annette King cannot show the same intelligence and integrity. Dr Everingham has also made personal public statements such as the following:

As a doctor I publicly campaigned for fluoridation and was persuaded that I was wrong. My more informed view has strengthened as evidence accumulates. I am concerned that half truths and discredited exaggerations are uncritically promoted by governments and health professionals in the half dozen countries that still fluoridate most water supplies. They follow the US American careless epidemiology exposed by Melbourne's former dental school dean Sir Arthur Amies and others including Dr Mark Diesendorf.

- Doug Everingham. Australian Minister of Health, 1972-1975

## IRISH REPORT CONFIRMS FSAI:

### Fluoridated Water must not be used for baby "formula"

The study confirms why infants should not be given formula reconstituted with fluoridated tap water. (Anderson WA, *et al.* "A probabilistic estimation of fluoride intake by infants up to the age of 4 months from infant formula reconstituted with tap water in the fluoridated regions of Ireland." *Caries Research* 38 (Sept-Oct 2004): 421-9. The study includes the following:

"About 5% of 4-month-old infants are receiving SIX times more fluoride from formula (more than 1.43 mg/day) than recommended for 6 month - 3 year olds (0.25 mg/day), and THREE times more fluoride than recommended for 3 to 6 year olds (0.5 mg/day)" (See: "Dosage schedule for dietary fluoride supplements" *Journal of Public Health Dentistry* 59: 203-204 (1999).

This confirms the recommendation of the Australian 1999 NHMRC ("Melbourne") Review, a review the MoH claims in support, yet selectively ignores on this point.

This also confirms the calculations from NZ "formula" manufacturers, and Plunket, data. (see right)

Age (wks)	mg/day @ 1ppm	mg/day @ .7ppm
2	.6	.42
4	.75	.53
8	.825	.58
16	1.6	1.12
24	.875	.61

Fluoride tablet label warning:



DO NOT USE IN CHILDREN UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE.

## DHBs Will Not Give Up

In spite of our 100% success rate to date, we cannot afford to be complacent. DHB's have been instructed to push fluoridation at every renewal of a Long Term Community Plan. They will try again and again under AK's instructions, regardless of how clear local communities make it they do not want poison in their water.

We also have reason to believe that AK has a "DHB Fluoridation Empowering" Bill "in the back room" just as she forced through the Trans Tasman Therapeutics Agency against public opinion and Select Committee advice. This is exactly what the UK did! AK has also said she wants to hold onto the Health portfolio after the upcoming cabinet reshuffle.

**We are also concerned that attempts will be made to stand Council candidates to "stack" future Councils to push fluoridation through →**

## Ask all candidates to state their position at the elections

We ask all members to ask all candidates for Council or District Health Boards to state their position on fluoridation and the moratorium. We suggest the question be asked in terms similar to the following:

*In the last 2 months research has been published on fluoridation in international journals which, if it were regarding a pharmaceutical drug or proprietary mineral supplement, would result in immediate withdrawal from sale. Will you support the current responsible call for a moratorium on fluoridation until promoters can scientifically prove safety and effectiveness, which the York Review 2000 found had never been done?*

Please also write to your MP and other Party candidates: ask if they will support the moratorium in caucus.

**IT IS ESSENTIAL WE RAISE BOTH POLITICAL AND PUBLIC AWARENESS TO COUNTER ANY UNDERHANDED MOVES BY PROMOTERS.**

There are many politicians who support our cause—we need to help them help us by showing there is both public and professional support for them, **AND THAT WE DO IT NOW.**

Renew your membership for 2005 by

23 December 2004

and win a free copy of Christopher Bryson's book

## “The Fluoride Deception”

Every 20 members will go into a draw for a free copy

We also have available a small booklet called “Poisons in Your Mouth—Exploding the Myth of Fluoridation and Amalgam” by Drs Mike Godfrey and Robert Anderson, which addresses both fluoridation and amalgam. Price only \$3.00 + \$0.90 postage — postage free if sent with The Fluoride Deception.

### SPECIAL OFFER—MEMBERS ONLY Get “The Fluoride Deception” at cost. Normally over \$50

Yes I want to buy “The Fluoride Deception” (price applies while current stocks last)

Number copies \_\_\_\_\_ at \$32.50 \_\_\_\_\_ Freight (\$3.50 for 1; \$7.00 2-10) \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_

“Poisons in Your Mouth” \_\_\_\_\_ at \$3.00    Freight \_\_\_\_\_ Total \_\_\_\_\_    Grand Total \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Renewal 2005

Please mail to The Treasurer, FAN(NZ) PO Box 9804 Marion Sq. Wellington.

**I/WE ENCLOSE:**

- \$10 annual subscription.  
 Donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.    Tick if receipt req'd:

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_.

**Name:**

**Address:**

**E-mail:**

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- Group member.** How many individuals does your group represent or have as members? .....

**Note:** if your group is not incorporated, you will need to have one member subscribe on the group's behalf.

Are you interested in becoming a local co-ordinator? Y/N Note: the MoH is currently pushing for 100% fluoridation: we are all at risk.

Able to help? (a) Strong commitment \_\_\_\_\_ (b) Can help \_\_\_\_\_ (c) Unable to help. \_\_\_\_\_ (Tick one)

Needed: letter writers, speakers, canvassers, delivering flyers, organising meetings.