

# Fluoridation: FUQ (Frequently Unanswered Questions)

*Would you like to know what health authorities base their "fluoridation is safe and effective" claim on?*

*Whether you support fluoridation or not, these questions shine a bright light on authority and get to the facts.*

*The following questions have never been answered by various governments, dental and health authorities in Australia - or in any fluoridated country.*

After 50 years of asking our Australian governments, health departments and dental and medical bodies for proof of the slogan that fluoridation is "safe and effective", we are yet to see any proof forthcoming.

Once you've asked these questions yourself and seen that fluoridation promoters cannot answer them, it becomes clear that "something is rotten in the state of Denmark". Except that Denmark, like much of Europe, removed fluoridation decades ago.

## Send a few fact-finding letters:

**If you are sceptical about fluoridation - one way or the other - here is a simple way to help clarify the facts.**

It takes a little time (e.g. emails from 10 minutes and for a few letters, perhaps an hour) AND an interest to discover something that may surprise you – or confirm your suspicions – and lead the way to improvements in your health, freedom and human rights awareness in Australia. ☺ If you are a government employee and would like to keep your job, you might ask someone else to send the letters. (Stranger things have happened)

1. Send copies of this basic letter, by email or post (typed or handwritten) to some of the organisations listed over the page. Feel free to change the wording of the letter a little, if you like.
2. Keep a copy of your letters, so you can compare them with what you receive.
3. Remember you are dealing with bureaucracy, it may take time to get responses.
4. Let us know - especially if you receive a surprising response!

## Send this Letter to organisations promoting fluoride, to find out the truth about "safe & effective":

[My Name & Address]

[Today's Date]

["To" Address]

Dear Sir,

I have an interest in fluoridation and would like proof from you of the effectiveness and safety of this process.

My request is for:

1. A copy of a scientific study with a suitable nearby comparable control town or city where the examiners were "blind," published in a refereed scientific journal, proving fluoridation is perfectly safe and no person can be harmed from drinking water fluoridated at one ppm (1 part per million) of fluoride throughout their life.
2. A copy of a dental clinical study with a suitable nearby comparable control town or city where the examiners were "blind," published in a refereed scientific journal showing that fluoride and solely fluoride stops tooth decay in humans.

Additionally:

3. Is your department/organisation aware that **not one** of the main organisations endorsing fluoridation in Australia (including the ADA, AMA, NHMRC, TGA, Governments and their Health Departments) **has published any studies** themselves in refereed scientific journals that prove fluoridation to be either safe or effective?
4. Is your department/organisation aware that **not one** of the main organisations endorsing fluoridation worldwide (including the American Dental Assn, American Medical Assn, the US Government's Public Health Service, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organisation (WHO), Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the US National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research) **has conducted or published any studies** themselves in refereed scientific journals that prove fluoridation to be either safe or effective?

Yours sincerely,  
(signed)

...Please turn over

Please send your letter to the following **organisations and government ministers:** Contact Details Current at **18-Dec-2011**

- Australian Dental Association (dentists' union) - **ADA**, PO Box 520, St. Leonards, NSW 1590
- Australian Medical Association (doctors' union) - **AMA**, PO Box 6090, Kingston, ACT 2604
- NHMRC: National Health and Medical Research Council - **NHMRC**, GPO Box 1421, Canberra ACT 2601
- Federal Health Minister (& Health Dept)- **Ms Tanya Plibersek**, MG 50 Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600
- (Your State) Health Minister (and Your State Health Department) - \_\_\_\_\_ (check state government's information)

If you'd like to include your **State** politicians, please do so:

- (Your State) **Premier** - \_\_\_\_\_
- (Your State) **Local Member** - \_\_\_\_\_

If you'd like to include your **Federal** politicians, please do so:

- Prime Minister - **Ms Julia Gillard**, Prime Minister, Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600
- (Your) **Federal Member** - \_\_\_\_\_

You might also like to include your **local councillors**, cc'd. (Later inform them of the responses received).

***The questions are simple. The information ought to be readily available to the experts within these organisations.***

**Receiving a Response:** What you receive from each organisation may intrigue you. For 50 years the AFAV (Anti-Fluoridation Association of Victoria) and the Safe Water Association of NSW have asked our health authorities similar questions - and while responses are often eventually received, they've never actually answered the questions! Observe how long it takes the bureaucracy to answer your questions - and even then, did they answer them - or side-step them? (There's nothing new here, this has been the fluoride drug pushers' approach for 60 years - dodge the question!) If you like to, reply to the letter saying something like "You obviously didn't read my request. You have not provided what I asked for. Please answer the questions I asked." These questions have been unanswered for many decades because they require honesty.

**Let everyone know - This is the key!** Once you have some responses, tell everyone you know. For some people the fluoride "con" seems unbelievable after so many years of indoctrination, so don't be too pushy with it, because it can take a while for the news to sink in. For others, it is much easier to believe, as they are aware of the corporate capture of governments and organisations and don't automatically believe everything politicians and the mass media tell them. Tell everyone you know, so they may do some research too (perhaps sending some letters themselves). This is one key to ending fluoridation - people around the country gaining awareness on what governments and organisations have hidden from them through these hollow and fraudulent 'endorsements'. Note that almost without exception, when a referendum is held, the vote is for "No Fluoridation". The latest at Tenterfield, NSW, was 4 to 1 against fluoridation. [Australian Fluoridation News, Vol.42, No.3, May-June 2006, p3.]

**The Typical Responses:** The **ADA** says it is safe and effective, relying on AMA, Health Departments, NHMRC. The **AMA** says it is safe and effective, relying on ADA, Health Departments, NHMRC. The Victorian **Health Department** says it is safe and effective, relying on ADA, AMA, NHMRC & other Health Departments (similar for other Health Department responses). The **NHMRC** (the peak medical body in Australia) says it is safe and effective, relying on the ADA, AMA and Health Departments. **None** of these organisations have done studies to prove it. According to Glen Walker, former AFAV chairman for over thirty years, the only chemical processing equipment the NHMRC has in its Canberra office is the coffee machine. (He's been there.)

**Scientifically Rigorous Studies:** NIDR (now NIDCR, the US National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research) has conducted scientific studies, but didn't want to release their largest-ever study in the US (1986-7). This study was only released in 1990 under freedom of information. The study showed **no difference** in tooth decay between fluoridated and non-fluoridated regions. i.e. Fluoride was proven to be ineffective, making no difference whatsoever to tooth decay.

**What is actually Endorsed:** The promoting organisations are paid to endorse a product - which actually turn out to be industrial fluoride wastes, mainly from phosphate fertiliser factory smokestacks. They are highly toxic, Schedule 6 (and sometimes S7) poison that is harmful even in very small quantities. This product is not proven safe or effective. Yet it's used widely in Australia and a few other countries, where the populations are unaware their governments have been captured by corporate interests wanting an easy and cheap way to dispose of their industrial wastes without threat of litigation. The polluters get paid for their waste. With fluoridation, just follow the money! Along the way is commerce, politics and spin.

**IF it is 'safe and effective':** Why did the Victorian Parliament (both the Liberal and Labor parties) pass legislation in 1993 prohibiting the Supreme Court from hearing any cases against fluoride? This casts even more doubt on the mantra of "safe and effective". It stops people recovering damages to their health as a result of fluoridation mass medication. As a result, no government minister, fluoride supplier or handler can be held accountable in the Supreme Court for fluoride deaths and damaged health. The list of health implications is long. We strongly recommend taking action to reduce the impact of fluoride on our lives.

**See our website for more information and for actions we can take to minimise our fluoride exposure & end this scam!**

**Australian Anti-Fluoridation Association GPO Box 935, Melbourne Vic 3001**

[www.fluoridationnews.com](http://www.fluoridationnews.com)

[www.fluoridefreemurray.org](http://www.fluoridefreemurray.org)

See website for email

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## DENTAL & HEALTH ORGANISATIONS:

### ADA (Australian Dental Association)

Mail: PO Box 520, St Leonards, NSW 1590, Australia  
Fax: (02) 9906 4917  
Email: Use the website's "contact us" page (state-based)  
Web: [www.ada.org.au](http://www.ada.org.au)

### AMA (Australian Medical Association)

Mail: PO Box 6090, KINGSTON ACT 2604  
Fax: (02) 6270 5499  
Email: [ama@ama.com.au](mailto:ama@ama.com.au) (see website for states' emails)  
Web: [www.ama.com.au](http://www.ama.com.au) (state-based websites - each state)

### NHMRC (National Health & Medical Research Council)

Mail: GPO Box 1421, Canberra ACT 2601  
Fax: (02) 6217 9100  
Email: [nhmrc@nhmrc.gov.au](mailto:nhmrc@nhmrc.gov.au)  
Web: [www.nhmrc.gov.au](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au)

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## "Fluoridation Theory" is yet to be proved

### - A Brief History of Fluoridation & Corporate Capture

The "**Fluoridation Hypothesis**" is yet to be proved anywhere. Mass fluoridation in Australia spread from The United States of America. In the 1930s and '40s heavy industries such as aluminium, steel, uranium enrichment (US Manhattan project) and the phosphate fertiliser industry had increasing pollution problems. The "Fluorine Lawyers Committee" and the Mellon Institute (owned by Alcoa, the Aluminium Company of America) devised ways of reducing damaging litigation. In 1945, Oscar Ewing, Alcoa's senior lawyer left to become head of the US Public Health Service. The first "Fluoridation Trials" (1945-'55) that began that same year were statistically fraudulent. In 1950, half way through the study, the control city of Muskegon was fluoridated when they realised it was getting better dental results than the fluoridated city of Grand Rapids. Also in 1950, the Public Health Service (PHS) endorsed fluoridation after much industry lobbying and covert influence from the Atomic Energy Commission (amongst others), even though the trials were only half-way through. Australia's NHMRC capitulated and endorsed fluoridation in 1953, before the "trials" had completed. No one in America or elsewhere has ever scientifically proven fluoridation to be effective or safe. Saying there are dozens or even "hundreds" of studies "in many countries" is not proof, when those studies have been set up poorly and/or the statistical results "adjusted". Worldwide, after more than 60 years, the missing proof of safety and effectiveness shows that citizens in the few remaining fluoridated countries are being mass medicated with an unlicensed, unsafe and unproven drug!

**Fluoride Pollution:** Did you know the fluoride used for artificial water fluoridation comes from factory smokestacks? And usually those smokestacks are overseas, e.g. Japan, China, Belgium. None of these countries fluoridate their populations. Why do we import toxic waste to be added to our drinking water? Or better still, to not 'medicate' with industrial waste at all.

**Doctors Burk & Yiamouyiannis:** Are you aware that the Burk & Yiamouyiannis epidemiological study of 18 million Americans – one of the largest and most sophisticated studies in modern science – showed an increase in the cancer death rate in fluoridated cities of **at least 5%** (adjusted for age, race & sex) compared to non-fluoridated cities. Other studies have shown significantly higher than 5%. Dr Dean Burk, a founder of the US National Cancer Institute, is also noted for his shocking and memorable statement that "*fluoridation is mass-murder.*" (Cancer Control Journal, 1977, p59)

**Why?** If fluoride is safe, why did a young boy in Queensland die from swallowing 6 fluoride tablets? Why did a Tasmanian farmer have stillborn lambs and cattle with deformed feet, caused by fluoride pollution on his farm from the local fluoridation plant? The Tasmanian Government compensated him with a payment of \$60,000 plus costs. (See "*The Australian Fluoridation News*" website, under "Newsletters", for March-April 1990: "Australia's Fluoridated Death Valley".)

**Why 'FUQ'?** 'FUQ' is an acronym for "Frequently Unanswered Questions". It may also be the sounds spoken in the various organisations fraudulently promoting fluoride when they receive another letter asking for scientific proof of the effectiveness and safety of their endorsed product. "Oh, FUQ!" We are reminded of the saying "the truth shall set you free."

**Fluoridation will be removed in Australia as it has been in Continental Europe:** We ask that you send letters, get some interesting responses, and *learn some more* to help *reduce your fluoride exposure* and to *spread the word* - all of which helps to end the practice in Australia. See [www.fluoridationnews.com](http://www.fluoridationnews.com)