



Proactive Release

Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

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your submission in any Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy – Submission Template

This document is intended for individuals or groups who wish to make a formal submission on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

Please complete this template and email it to: childandyouthwellbeing@dpmc.govt.nz

A guide to making a submission is available on the DPMC website <https://dpmc.govt.nz/our-programmes/child-and-youth-wellbeing-strategy>

Submissions will close on **Wednesday 5 December**.

Please provide details for a contact person in case we have some follow up questions.

Contact Name:	9(2)(a)
Email Address:	
Phone Number:	
Organisation Name:	[Please include if you are submitting on behalf of an organisation]
Organisation description: (tell us about your organisation – i.e. who do you represent? How many members do you have? Are you a local or national organisation?)	

Executive Summary:

(Please provide a short summary of the key points of your Submission - 200 words)

I am opposed to the ongoing fluoridation of New Zealand water supplies as this unhealthy and outdated practice is not in the best health interests of New Zealand's population, particularly our youth. Known negative health effects of fluoridation are as follows:

Harmful to the Cardiovascular system.

Toxic to the Thyroid.

Fluoride accumulates in the body and weakens skeletal health.

Causes and/or contributes to Arthritis.

Bad for Kidney health.

Negative cognitive effects – fluoride can pass through the placenta and the blood/brain barrier, affecting a child's IQ and neural development both before and after birth.

Calcifies the Pineal Gland.

Harmful to male and female fertility.

Accelerates female puberty.

Causes dental fluorosis

Submission Content

My wife and I are strongly opposed to the entire concept of fluoridation of public water supplies.

We consider this to be an unhealthy and completely unnecessary practice.

Our opposition is based on our own personal experiences, along with conclusions reached following

careful consideration of the vast amount of literature available on the subject, which clearly indicates that Fluoride, in any form, is a known neuro-toxin and a health hazard on a number of levels. We therefore do not accept that fluoridated water has any positive effects on dental health of children and young people. Our personal fluoridation experiences follow:

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However, the events mentioned above changed all this and we carried out a great deal of research into fluoridation, with the result that we are now both strongly opposed to the practice, which we would dearly like to see discontinued with immediate effect, as has occurred in most western countries.

There are many papers, some very recent, containing convincing arguments against fluoridation, but the one that first convinced us of the futility of the practice was the 1997 paper written by Dr John Colquhoun, the former Auckland Principal Dental Officer. His comparison of dental decay rates between Napier and Hastings is surely the “elephant in the room” when arguments are put forward by pro-fluoridation people regarding the ‘benefits’ of fluoridation. Dr Colquhoun’s paper is very convincing and well worth consideration. A link follows:

<http://fluoridation.com/colquhoun.htm>

My wife and I are strongly of the view that fluoridation should be discontinued in New Zealand.

Sincerely
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