



Proactive Release

Submissions on the Child and Youth Wellbeing Strategy

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The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet has released the following submission received during its public consultation on the child and youth wellbeing strategy.

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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)	Dental decay is a serious problem in New Zealand as recently reported in the media. Dental decay is rampant in fluoridated communities proving that water fluoridation is not the answer. Hydrofluorosilicic acid (fluoride) is a highly toxic environmental pollutant and it should not be put in our drinking water as it is harmful to our health – particularly the unborn and infants. Tackling the cause of dental decay should be the government's priority ie) sugar consumption and poverty.

Submission Content

Now that the Government are planning de-facto mandatory water fluoridation for New Zealand it is time to consider some facts.

Community water supplies are fluoridated with hydrofluorosilicic acid, an unapproved, unlicensed toxic waste product from the smokestacks of fertiliser factories. There are no scientific studies that show it is safe for human ingestion, only non-scientific endorsements.

However the Ministry of Health have recognised the potential harmful side effects when ingesting pharmacy grade fluoride tablets and regulate the dosage on the label. This Bill provides no requirements for District Health Boards to consider the potential harmful effects of ingesting fluoride nor does it propose any dosage information for people most at risk such as pregnant women and bottle-fed babies.

According to the Medicines Regulations 1984, when pharmacy grade fluoride tablets are dissolved in water at one part per million, the regulated dosage is:

Pregnant women – nil

Children under 3 – nil

Children 3 to 5 up to 250ml per day

Children 6 to 8 up to 500ml per day and;

Persons 9 and over, up to 1 litre per day.

Dosage and safety information is regulated for pharmacy grade fluoride, as it should be, but not for the fluoride used for community water fluoridation. This is clearly a double standard and a dereliction of the Ministry of Health's duty to protect the health and safety of New Zealand citizens.

Excellent Fluoridation Demonstration w/ props: F Tablets vs bottled water: Mike Woods

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6t348mHs72Y&t=12s>

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