



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)	<p>Fluoride is a toxic substance that does not provide a benefit in our water supply. Research in the past has been false and misleading to show it's benefits. It is harmful to our children causing many systemic problems. It even damages the teeth we as dentists are trying to preserve. Dietary education would be far better than mass fluoridation on all levels of health.</p> <p>We must not allow them to be given this toxic substance and we should stop all future water fluoridation.</p> <p>Rather direct fluoride to the teeth where needed by the dental therapist would be far safer and more effective. Also a lot cheaper.</p>

Submission Content

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Research to assist you:

- [Prenatal fluoride exposure and cognitive outcomes in children at 4 and 6-12 years of age in Mexico](#)
- [Prenatal fluoride exposure and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder \(ADHD\) symptoms in children at 6-12 years of age in Mexico city](#)
- [Fluoride exposure and thyroid function among adults living in Canada: Effect modification by iodine status](#)
- [Community water fluoridation and urinary fluoride concentrations in a national sample of pregnant women in Canada](#)

As a dentist I am seeing more damage to teeth because of fluorosis in younger children. We must not allow children to be given this toxic substance and we should stop all future water fluoridation.

Rather direct fluoride to the teeth where needed by the dental therapist would be far safer and more effective. Also a lot cheaper.

Please note that your submission will become official information. This means that the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet may be required to release all or part of the information contained in your submission in response to a request under the Official Information Act 1982.

The Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet may withhold all or parts of your submission if it is necessary to protect your privacy or if it has been supplied subject to an obligation of confidence.

Please tell us if you don't want all or specific parts of your submission released, and the reasons why. Your views will be taken into account in deciding whether to withhold or release any information requested under the Official Information Act and in deciding if, and how, to refer to your submission in any possible subsequent paper prepared by the Department.