

On behalf of the N.Z. Democrats for Social Credit;
Submission on the Health (Water Fluoridation) Amendment Bill.

Since first becoming aware of the downside of fluoridating public water supplies I have been appalled at the way that those advocating fluoridation totally ignore the massive evidence against this practice while endlessly repeating a mindless, politically-driven dogma which seeks to inflict a deadly poison on the public.

Having failed to win the debate on fluoridation the government now seeks to sneak their agenda through by handing the issue over to the district health boards which, as I know from having twice been an elected member of such a board, are powerless to represent their constituents' views regarding board agendas which are driven from Wellington.

But even leaving aside the arguments for and against fluoridation, consider the relevant sections of the Health & Disability Commissioner's Code of Rights regarding health services;

I quote from the Code;

"Right 6 Right to be fully informed

(2) Before making a choice or giving consent, every consumer has the right to the information that a reasonable consumer, in that consumer's circumstances, needs to make an informed choice or give informed consent".

Clearly, no fair-minded person could accept that the selective, one-sided view of fluoridation being presented to the public by the pro-fluoridation lobby complies with this right under the Code.

Further, the Code of Rights also states that no-one should receive medication without their informed consent. The pro-fluoridation lobby claims that fluoridation is not medication but since medication is specified as being the application of a substance designed to affect a bodily function - which is exactly what fluoridation is intended to do - then every person is entitled to say no - a right the public are being denied.

I call upon those concerned to respect the public's rights under H&D Commissioners' Code of Rights and to call a halt to the entire fluoridation programme.

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