

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

Congratulations on your decision to stop fluoridation in Taumarunui. It has been very refreshing to see a group of people allowing themselves to be open minded enough to listen to new information, which may have even been challenging for some, and then to put the health and wellbeing of the community above all else. No longer adding fluoride to Taumarunui's water supply means that the Ruapheu Taumarunui District Council joins the majority of councils in New Zealand, with only 25 of the 69 city or district councils now having any fluoridation.

Even since the Submission process there has been more evidence that fluoride causes harm with a new Review of studies on brain damage being published in the scientific journal *Neurologia* (June 2011). <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/new-study-fluoride-can-damage-the-brain---avoid-use-in-children-124299299.html>

There have also been other decision makers coming to the same decision as you with Fairbanks city councillors in Alaska voting 5 -1 to end fluoridation. They did so after having a Taskforce of professionals review the evidence. These professionals recommended stopping fluoridation.

After hearing the submissions the Upper Hutt city councillors voted to lobby Regional council to stop fluoridation  
<http://www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/local-papers/upper-hutt-leader/5143080/Fluoride-network-pleased>.

And Legal evidence is mounting in the US with talk of a "Fluoridegate" scandal being uncovered.  
<http://www.cbsatlanta.com/story/14963811/documents-prove-dentists-controlled-cdc-stance-on-water-fluoridation>

I have attached a powerpoint presentation by MedSafe given to the Society of Acupuncturists conference in Wellington last weekend. If you read through the first few slides it is easy to see that fluoride must be considered a medication and therefore can legally only be supplied to an individual for the treatment needs of that individual following a consultation with the practitioner. Obviously that cannot be done if the medicine is delivered through the water supply.

Once again, congratulations on your decision. You have made a decision that will directly benefit thousands of people. Well done.

Kind Regards,  
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