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VIA EMAIL (fac@parliament.qld.gov.au)
The Research Director
Finance and Administration Committee
Parliament House
George Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

**Re: SE Queensland Water Restructuring and Other Legislation Bill 2012
Amendment of Water Fluoridation Act 2008**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Community Awareness Network (CAN), an unincorporated association of residents of the Kuranda area, I am writing to voice our objections to the proposed Fluoridation of the Kuranda and Malanda Water Supply as proposed in the above Bill for the following reasons:

1. The Kuranda community has provided over 1100 mandates to their local Member Michael Trout opposed to having their drinking water supply Fluoridated. This is a large percentage of the Kuranda population and you have an obligation to respect their wishes on this matter.
2. There are numerous recent scientific studies now showing that adding Fluoride to the water is a serious risk to public's health. It is linked to cancer, dementia, arthritis, diminished IQ's, etc. The reason for this poisoning effect is that the Fluoride being proposed used is not natural fluoride, but waste product from chemical manufacturing companies and so it is heavily contaminated with numerous heavy metals, contaminants and radioactive compounds.
3. Recent scientific studies negate any claims that are being made by the Dental Association or State Government that the factory waste Fluoride that they are using is safe and good for people's teeth. Recent scientific show that such claims of safety and efficacy for factory waste Fluoride are dated and fraudulent in the light of recent research.
4. That it is against the law to forcibly medicate people against their wishes. Clearly Council Water treatment offices to not have the required medical licences necessary to medicate people under the Provisions of Medicines Act, which means that they are practicing medicine illegally without a licence and so are liable for prosecution. Giving uncontrolled dosages of an unlicensed medication is immoral and dangerous.
5. The factory waste Fluoride that is proposed to be added has not been approved by the Therapeutic Drugs Administration as an approved medicine and so this medicine is against the law as are any claims that it has therapeutic benefit.
6. Fluoridation of the public water supply will be a major ongoing cost to the rate payers. There are much more economical and efficient ways for the public to receive Fluoride, if they want to receive it. People can get all the fluoride that they may need from toothpaste and it is in many common foods.

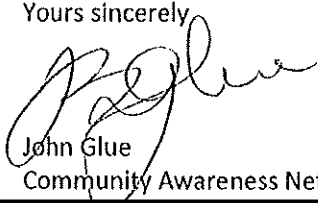
7. The Tableland soil is naturally high in Fluoride and it hasn't been shown that the residents of Kuranda and Malanda are deficient in Fluoride. Adding extra Fluoride will undoubtedly result in overdosing of the population. If fluoride is to be added to the water supply it should be a natural form that people would more likely be willing to accept.

8. The will of the people needs to be respected on this issue. We urge you to exempt Kuranda and Malanda from forced Fluoridation.

We urge that the Bill be amended to specifically exempt the Kuranda and Malanda drinking water supplies from the fluoridation requirements of the legislation. Alternatively, we urge that the Bill be amended to allow the Tablelands Regional Council to apply for exemptions for these systems. Finally, we urge you to at least postpone your decision so that you can take into account the latest research on the dangers and the legality of the legislation.

Rushing this Bill through and passing a law that that knowingly damages people's health is against the law as it is against your duty of care to the public. You have a moral obligation to oppose this unjust Bill.

Yours sincerely



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