



Newsletter

General Meeting:
August 2020 via Skype,
date to be announced.

All Welcome.

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Welcome to this edition of the FFWA newsletter.

Activity this year has been overshadowed by Covid-19 virus, but FFWA feels a silver lining will be increased awareness in health matters, as society normalises. During this pandemic, there has been a significant increase in the number of conspiracy-type theories circulating on social media. The proponents of fluoridated water attempt to link FFWA (and like groups) with conspiracy theorists. It is important to remember **we have the science on our side**, but pro fluoride supporters do not.

An article published in the journal *Pediatric Research* 22/5/20 “*Over the past 75 years, health authorities have declared that community water fluoridation—a practice that reaches over 400 million worldwide—is safe. Yet, studies conducted in North America examining the safety of fluoride exposure in pregnancy were non-existent. When a Canadian study reported that higher fluoride exposure in pregnant women was associated with lower IQ scores in young children, critics attacked the methodology of the study and discounted the significance of the results. Health authorities continued to conclude that fluoride is unequivocally safe, despite four well-conducted studies over the last 3 years consistently linking fluoride exposure in pregnancy with adverse neurodevelopmental effects in offspring*”.

Historic trial in the USA due to commence.

The long-awaited trial in the USA against the Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) is due to begin June 8th having been postponed twice. The trial, before a single judge and expected to last two weeks, is to determine if fluoride, added to water supplies, is a toxic substance under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TOC) and presents an unreasonable risk to the public. Fluoride Action Network’s summary and history of the case can be found [here](#).

Increasing evidence of fluorides neurotoxicity.

Since the last newsletter (Dec 2019) there have been several powerful studies linking fluoride exposure to neurotoxicity.

A report titled [Association Between Maternal Fluoride Exposure During Pregnancy and IQ Scores in Offspring in Canada](#) was published in *JAMA Pediatrics* (Till et al 2019). The authors measured urinary fluoride levels of pregnant women living in Canadian cities with fluoridated and non-fluoridated water supplies. The IQ of the offspring, measured at ages 3 and 4, found lower IQ scores averaging 3.66 points in those children born in fluoridated cities. The difference was greater for boys averaging 4.5 points lower IQ scores.

Another report published in *Environmental Science*, (Riddell et al, Dec 2019) found an [Association of Water Fluoride and Urinary Fluoride Concentrations with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder in Canadian youth](#). This report concluded higher fluoride levels in tap water is associated with higher odds of ADHD diagnosis, and more ADHD-type symptoms.



A third report, published in *Environment International*, (Till et al Jan. 2020), found [Fluoride Exposure From Infant Formula and Child IQ in a Canadian Birth Cohort](#), resulted in lower IQ point scores in children bottle fed from formula reconstituted with fluoridated water. The report concluded an increase of 0.5 mg/L in water fluoride concentration, corresponded to a 9.3- and 6.2-point decrement in IQ compared to breast-fed children.

Visit by Dr Paul Connett.

The much-anticipated visit to Australia for a speaking tour, by Dr Connett was curtailed by the declaration of a pandemic and border closures.

While he was in Western Australia, Dr Connett managed to give two presentations. The first at the State Library of WA, where the audience included independent MP Hon Charles Smith MLC, and the second in the Bunbury Regional Entertainment Centre. A recording of the Perth presentation can be viewed [here](#) on YouTube. It is unfortunate Covid-19 forced the cancellation of the many speaking engagements organized, for Paul, around Australia.

FFWA has created a new petition to the WA Legislative Council [available here](#) requesting the Health Minister advise pregnant women of fluoride risks as per FFWA's letter.

The Legislative Council has advised they will no longer accept petitions calling for an end to public water fluoridation. This new petition will help spread the word, even to pro-fluoridationists, who cannot argue against possible harm to babies.

FFWA needs your help.

FFWA had intended to have a stall at the **Mothers and Babies Expo** in Perth to spread the word regarding fluoride being a possible developmental neurotoxin. This event has been cancelled and will most likely be postponed until next year. Meanwhile FFWA could still have a presence at market stalls and other community events to raise awareness of Fluoride Free WA and gain support for the new petition. If you can help, please [contact us](#).



Fluoride: Not in My Water

Bumper stickers are available for new and renewing members. Additional stickers are also available for sale, only \$2 each (plus \$1 if posted. 2 per envelope). These can be collected or posted. If posted please [donate](#) to cover post cost. For more details contact treasurer@fluoridefreewa.org

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