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MINISTER FAILS THE PEOPLE OF MT. GAMBIER AND TENSIONS RISE

A meeting held by Ann Bressington Independent MLC in Mt. Gambier on Saturday 9th October was NOT attended by either the Minister for Health John Hill or his Principal Water Quality Advisor, Dr. Cunliff, despite a promise made by Dr. Cunliff in January of this year that a public meeting would take place before fluoridation came on line.

There were over 200 people at the meeting and there was public outrage at the Minister's absence. To make matters worse, residents of Mt. Gambier received a letter in their "JUNK MAIL" informing them that fluoride would be commencing in Mt. Gambier on Thursday of this week.

"Minister Hill was invited to this meeting 2 weeks ago and did not even have the courtesy to respond. He has shown utter contempt for 'Mt. Gambiers' and his Advisor has misled those people" Ann Bressington said.

Not all who attended the meeting were initially against fluoridation but after they heard the evidence presented by Doctors and Dentists the vote was 210/0 to reject fluoride in the Blue Lake.

Health practitioners from Victoria were there to present the research findings of numerous peer reviewed and published papers on the harms of fluoride and the evidence was compelling. The conduct of Dr. Cunliff mirrors that of Public Health Officials in every other state that has forced fluoride on communities over the past few years – avoid public debate at all costs!

Representatives from Mildura also attended the meeting and discussed the strategies that they are planning to undertake and there was agreement that a "national action plan" be agreed to.

"We have written, we have polled, we have protested, we have voted and we have held public meetings at our own expense and invited Ministers and officials to attend and we have been ignored. We have done everything that is required of the "model citizen" and government has treated us with contempt. It is now time for public dissent and public disobedience. We will not be treated like slaves who will be mass medicated against our will. Enough is enough."

This statement was agreed to by all who attended and it was also agreed that a meeting of representatives from all around the country will hold a national strategic planning meeting by the end of this year.

Last sitting session of parliament Ann Bressington spoke for 2 hours putting peer reviewed research findings on the record and she plans to move a motion in parliament 'Condemning the Minister and his advisors for ignoring the concerns of the people of Mt. Gambier'.

“Fluoride is a toxic waste product of the aluminium and phosphate industries and has never been approved for human consumption. Many states in Australia buy this poison for our water from China and Belgium, two countries that rejected fluoridation of their own water supplies,” Ann Bressington said.

“There is so much evidence of flawed science, rigged studies and major health concerns from fluoride that every member in that place must be made aware that this has not been a safe or effective health policy but rather a commercial agreement to dispose of toxic waste through our water supplies. It is that simple”.

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