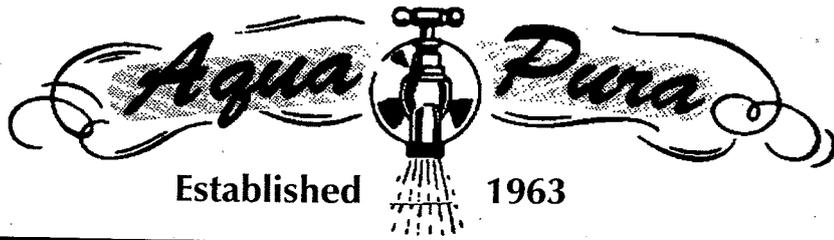


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## THE FLUORIDATION FRAUD

This is an edited version of an interview with Mr. Glen. S. R. Walker, FIME, EMECS, MAES, by Ms. Judy-Ann Steed. The interview was broadcast from a Melbourne suburban community radio station<sup>1</sup>.

**Judy:** You are listening to Judy-Ann and company. Joining me in the studio this morning is Glen Walker, Chairman of the Anti-Fluoridation Association of Victoria<sup>2</sup> and the author of the book *Fluoridation – Poison on Tap*<sup>3</sup>.

Mr. Walker's experience within technical and scientific organizations throughout the world has been extensive. In 1968 he was the first Australian to be made a Fellow of the Institute of Metal Finishing (London). He was awarded this Fellowship for his work in that field, for which has received international recognition.

Mr. Walker is also (and has been for 55 years), an Emeritus member of the Electro-Chemical Society (USA). His business (he was a partner in a chemical company that manufactured special chemicals, including for wartime use) and scientific interests took him overseas almost every year. During WWII he acted as a consultant to the Australian Army, Navy, Air Force, Government Ordnance Factory and the American Air Force, as well as being a sub-contractor to the Ministry of Munitions. And he was a member of the Sub-Committee of the wartime Ministry of Munitions, which controlled the use and supply of strategic metals.

He has written many papers for local and overseas journals. **So you can see that we're talking to some one here who knows EXACTLY what fluoride is all about.**

Now, Glen, what is fluoride and how did you come to be interested in the issue of fluoridation?

**Glen:** Well that also brings out the basis of what we're going to talk about. The fluoride that's put in the water, that each person drinks every day, by compulsion, with the compliments of the Victorian Government; that product comes from America.

**It is a toxic pollutant collected in the chimneys of fertilizer factories and cannot be dumped anywhere in the world.**

But in a few countries it is dumped into water supplies because, to quote "they consider it will stop tooth decay". That is the greatest medical, dental fraud ever perpetrated on any community, especially Victoria. That chemical, **sodium**

**silicofluoride**, has to be taken out of superphosphate in the manufacture of that fertilizer because, and this is most important, if it were left in the fertilizer, IT WOULD KILL EVERYTHING ON THE FARM AND POSSIBLY THE FARMER.

So by international law, all superphosphate must have most of the fluoride produced in the manufacture of that product removed. And isn't it interesting, also by international law that same product (**sodium silicofluoride**) which you drink every day, is not allowed to be dumped in the oceans, the rivers, and not even into landfills. So the question is, why do they put it in the water?

**Judy:** And they being...? Is it the federal or state government?

**Glen:** All Australian governments except that of Queensland<sup>4</sup> put it into their water supplies [readers note: the state of Queensland is currently (2009/10) in the process of being fluoridated - editor]. The Government of America is the great promoter of this because there's nowhere else to get rid of the **sodium silicofluoride** except to dump it in water. And you drink it every day so you can congratulate yourselves on being the greatest walking waste disposal units for the American fertilizer factories.

**Fluoride has no beneficial effect at all on teeth. There's not one scientific study anywhere in the world that proves that fluoride will stop tooth decay. But there are THOUSANDS of studies to show what fluoride WILL DO to the body. So the claims about reduction of tooth decay rates are unfounded.**

Let me go one step further. If you had a dentist here he would tell you the children's teeth in Victoria have improved considerably since fluoridation. Now if you go through all the worlds' literature – everyone agrees that children's teeth HAVE improved, no argument there<sup>5</sup>. But they add a rider: children's teeth have improved considerably in both fluoridated and unfluoridated areas and statistically there's virtually no difference. So fluoridation is a fraud, it's a hoax; and it HAS NEVER, this is important; fluoridation and the chemical that is used HAS NEVER; I must repeat that, I wouldn't want to be misquoted, HAS NEVER been examined and proven safe for human beings by a scientific group in any country.

What initially triggered my interest in fluoridation was an event that happened many years ago when my daughter, son-in-law and two children went swimming at Carrum. They finished up with hepatitis. Why? The sewerage plant at Carrum

– it was a biological type of plant – had a problem. Every now and then something would come through the sewer into that plant and kill all the bacteria. The resulting excess raw sewerage was then dumped via sluice gates into Port Philip Bay near Carrum, where my family was swimming. And my family was one of many that were thus affected, which set me thinking.

What is killing the bacteria? I started to look into it and on almost the same day, Mr. Hamer<sup>6</sup> declared that he was going to put fluoride into our drinking water. I'd been using fluoride in chemical formulations. It's one of the most difficult chemicals to control and VERY, VERY toxic. YOU CANNOT DESTROY IT. This was going to be washed down into these sewerage plants daily.

With that and my sick family in mind I decided to look into fluoridation. In our laboratories we were finding it most difficult to control fluoride chemicals in analysis - it was almost impossible to analyze it. Then the government went further and stated that there was already fluoride, naturally, in the drinking water.

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**Judy:** Is that the case?

**Glen:** Yes, but the quantity is so small, in most cases you can't analyze it with normal analytical equipment. **But it's NOT the fluoride from superphosphate, it's totally different. It's a natural calcium fluoride that comes out of the rock formations where water flows. One is almost insoluble, that's the calcium fluoride: whereas the other (sodium silicofluoride) is used because it is so soluble.**

It's put into the water at one part per million (1ppm). That quantity is 'considered' safe, but has never been scientifically PROVED to be safe.

**Judy:** Have you any evidence? That they've never had any scientific papers on that?

**Glen:** Yes, the evidence at the moment is damning, but never published in Australia. This is quite a unique moment for us to talk about it. The newspapers and the media in general will not allow anything about fluoridation. Now wouldn't you think they would publish this: that last year, in the US Congress, after years of work by our people, they forced a question to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the leading group in the world for controlling drugs. So the FDA representative was asked:

**"Will you supply scientific evidence that this material, sodium silicofluoride is perfectly safe for human ingestion?"**

The answer was, and this will be the first time it's been broadcast on Australia radio, the FDA said: **"We have NEVER given permission as sodium silicofluoride as being safe. We have NO scientific evidence or patents of any sort in our organization to say that this material is safe."**

The second question was to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the body responsible for governing the amount of fluoride that is put into water supplies. They say it's safe, but when faced with an oath in Congress, they admitted:

**"We have NO evidence and never have seen ANY evidence of the safety of sodium silicofluoride in water"**.

**Now that's never told the Australian people. It's kept VERY, VERY QUIET.** In fact the EPA has gone one step further. They have admitted that they don't have any idea of how **sodium silicofluoride** disassociates in water, and they're asking, PUBLICLY asking for scientists worldwide to help them try and work out what happens when you add this material.

Now Judy, after sixty years of fluoridation, **THEY DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SAFE?** After sixty years they don't even know the breakdown of **sodium silicofluoride** when added to water!

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Food and Drug Administration (FDA), USA

**Judy:** Well I notice here that you've given me some information about Belgium being the first country in the world to prohibit fluoride supplements. Can you tell us a bit about that?

**Glen:** Belgium threw fluoride out years ago. There's virtually no fluoridation in the whole of Europe. Let me illustrate my point with the following example – to make it easier to understand. When the Russians took over Eastern Germany after WW11 – **never been publicized in the Australian news anywhere** – but what was the first thing they did? They fluoridated Eastern Germany's water supply.

When finally the Berlin Wall was pulled down and Western Germany incorporated East Germany, what was the first thing they did? They cut the fluoridation out. **There's no fluoridation in Europe.** They've had their scientific investigations and they've thrown it out.

**And yet, in Australia, the people are not allowed to know anything about the known and UNKNOWN problems associated with sodium silicofluoride.**

**Judy:** I read the letters that you sent to John Thwaites, the Deputy Premier. What was the gist of the letters, just perhaps for our listeners, of what you sent and what you received back in reply?

**Glen:** I was asked to write to the Minister for Health, John Thwaites, and I sent a seven-page document questioning fifty different aspects of fluoridation and the reply I got back didn't answer one of them, but said that they rely on the expert groups such as the Australian Dental Association (ADA), the Australian Medical Association (AMA), the National Health Medical Research Council (NHMRC).

The NHMRC is the top authority in Australia, which incidentally, before I go any further... Most people when they consider the NHMRC, they visualize a big building in Canberra, with lots of men and women running around in white coats...

**Judy:** Oh yes (interviewer laughs heartily).

**Glen:** And all sorts of exotic equipment. Let me tell you the only scientific equipment or chemical processing equipment they have in the NHMRC is the unit they make coffee with for their staff.

**Judy:** How do you know that?

**Glen:** I've been there.

**Judy:** Oh right (more laughter).

**Glen:** Now, so – first of all, and this is all documented

quite clearly; the NHMRC do NOT do original research into fluoridation. It's like a club. But the point is that the Victorian Minister for Health, John Thwaites, quotes the NRMRC as the Great Authority. He also quotes the ADA; they have never done a single study, scientific study, ever.

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**Judy:** What have the members relied on then, to say, as a group that we as dentists believe that fluoride is quite OK?

**Glen:** Because they went into it bald-headed. The whole world did, **they were conned into it. Fluoridation is a COMMERCIAL process: it's not medical or dental. It's a commercial process to sell this waste product from fertilizer factories.**

Now, when Dick Hamer (former Victorian Premier) brought the Fluoridation Act in, and I have said this quite often and say it again: every student in the Dental School should be forced to read Hansard and see the standard of what happens when governments go into committee on this sort of thing.

**Judy:** And I'm looking at a book that you have here. That's Hansard is it?

**Glen:** This is Hansard of 1973<sup>7</sup> when they were debating the Fluoridation Act. The only man in the Parliament AGAINST Fluoridation was a Mr. Mutton, who had resigned from the Labor Party. He asked this question of the Minister:

"What research has been carried out by the Commission of Public Health, the Australian Medical Association, the Australian Dental Association, the National Health Medical Research Council and the World Health Organization respectively, in relation to fluoridation of public water supplies?"

Now this is Hansard, this is not Glen Walker, this is Hansard. And Mr. Scanlon replied:

**"No original research has been carried out by any of the bodies named".**

And yet on the word of each of those groups, you are drinking fluoridated water today because that was the authority on which Victoria fluoridated.

Now just to show you how ridiculous they can be, when Mr. Scanlon had finished reading the Bill for the third time, he said,

"The intention of the government", that's the Victorian Government, "is to provide that future legislators will have teeth (interviewer chuckles), just as the children and the Victorian public will have teeth. If the government accepted the proposal for a referendum as advanced by the Country party the position would be clear. The legislators of the future, our children and the community would have no teeth".

Now that's the standard of scientific thinking in our Government. Another politician was quoted as saying that fluoridation will increase the lifetime of people. They will live longer. So that from the very beginning fluoridation's not only been a fraud, it's been – Well the latest article I've written is called "The STUPIDITY of fluoridation." I would like Judy, to read this so as to get it well in the minds of people what sort of a shandy they're drinking every day.

**Judy:** Oh, y-e-e-s (much laughter)!!

**Glen:** This is what is added to Melbourne's water supply; the information comes from the Minister for Environment and

Conservation of Victoria, October 2000. This is what goes annually into our water – and you people as walking waste disposals get rid of this:

**Fluoride – 1,030 tonnes**, and because that corrodes the pipes, it makes the water acidic, they add,

**Lime - 2,070 tonnes**; this turns the water into a turbid state; it goes all dirty, so they add,

**Alum - 1,070 tonnes**. This is aluminium sulphate, considered at the moment to be the cause of Alzheimer's; and then they add,

**Chlorine - 550 tonnes** and

**Sodium hydrochloride** – a few tonnes.

All that stuff is added because they add fluoride and that's the shandy people are drinking. They're kidded that Melbourne's water supply is a wonderful, clean supply. It used to be. But this is what goes into the water now.

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Hansard: Victoria Parliament, Questions on Notice; 20 November, 1973.

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**Judy:** So if fluoride was not used in Melbourne's water supply, what would they be putting in the water? Everything else or nothing?

**Glen:** They put in chlorine, which again is recognized by many people as a carcinogenic material. Though the Sydney Water Board doesn't use it, and overseas ozone is now mainly used in water. There's a lot of propaganda because there's one firm - I won't mention them - a firm I know, that if chlorine was stopped, well then...

**Judy:** They'd go broke would they?

**Glen:** I reckon. I had an experience in a NSW country town that I was trying to help stop their water supply being chlorinated. When they were having a public meeting, a man from the Sydney Health Department arrived and said, "Ooh aren't you all lucky. Just as I was coming here, ICI gave me this bundle of literature on chlorine and how good it is." It's all well orchestrated and what I said before, it's all commercialized.

**Judy:** So do the profits go back to a multinational company, or is it an Australian company that produces this fluoride?

**Glen:** No, the money goes overseas<sup>8</sup>. **We BUY the rubbish mind you. Our government BUYS the rubbish.**

**Judy:** What can we put in instead? Or, what would you suggest?

**Glen:** We do not need anything. Let me point out why. Let's have a bit of logic and common sense. When fluoridation was commenced we were promised that; add fluoride to water and there'll be no more tooth decay; add fluoride to water and we won't have any more dentists.

**Time's running out and I haven't got time to go into all of this, but what's happened? The number of dentists has increased by over 80% in Australia since fluoridation. There are hundreds and hundreds of dental nurses, hygienists and other technical people working on children's teeth.**

All since fluoridation. And ALSO since fluoridation, just recently they've announced the new Dental Hospital for Melbourne, a Dental Hospital for Perth, and also for Adelaide. Now I must finish on this because it proves everything I've been talking about.

There's only one capital city in Australia that does not have fluoride, and never has and that is Brisbane<sup>4</sup>. And Brisbane children's teeth, as some government data states, are better than those of fluoridated Melbourne and Adelaide and Perth. Two years ago the Brisbane Council held an inquiry as to whether or not they should fluoridate Brisbane water. The Committee was made up of fifteen doctors and dentists and two also-rans, numbering seventeen in total. The Committee concluded after their year-long study, that they could not recommend fluoridation. They couldn't find anything in the literature to entice them into suggesting Brisbane's water should be fluoridated, and they found that their children's teeth stood up to Australian standards everywhere.

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May I also say this, all the literature in the world – no argument from the Dental Associations, governments, anywhere – show that children's teeth have improved and are still improving, BUT also they say, the rider at the end of that is – they're improving in all sorts of places, fluoridated or not fluoridated and that's proven in Brisbane and the Gold Coast. We got fluoridation out of the Gold Coast fifteen years ago; in 1980 we got fluoridation out of Wodonga and THEIR children's teeth have been improving too – and the world over. Anywhere fluoridation's taken out the children's teeth still improve.

**So there's NO SCIENTIFIC BASIS on which you can argue the BENEFITS or the SAFETY of fluoridation.**

**Judy:** Well having seen the reply to your letter from John Thwaites, and listening to your explanations – now I understand. I also think he has a bit of explaining to DO! And I would like, very much like to thank you for coming into the studio this morning and discussing this topic because it is something that we should be aware of.

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## **BRISBANE FLUORIDATION OVERDOSE SCARE: Residents Ill; Dogs Sick; Pet Birds Died**

On 14 May 2009, Queensland Premier Anne Bligh reported that the water supply to residents of Brendale and Warner, two northern suburbs of Brisbane, had been overdosed with fluoride chemical nearly two weeks previously, with 30 times the standard dose piped to 4,000 households.

Initial reports were that the overdose resulted from failure of the fluoride pump to be stopped when the North Pine water treatment plant was shut down for routine maintenance. Fluoridation had commenced four months previously.

The disaster was a major news story in Brisbane and reported interstate. During the following 10 days, the Premier made two further public press statements, each time amending earlier versions of events leading up to the overdose scare "as more facts became available".

"The fluoride fiasco has descended into farce, with the Premier admitting everything the public had been told about the recent overdose was wrong. An interim investigation has found the Premier gave the public the wrong date for the error, the incorrect areas affected and a vastly different fluoride level in the water". (Courier Mail, 22 May).

### **REPORTS OF ILLNESS**

- "Warner mother-of-two Caroline Rossiter said her family, including her dog and cat, had been ill for two weeks. 'I have headaches, chest pain, shortness of breath, gastro,' she said.
- "Robert Gow, a Bunya resident near Warner, said 10 of his budgerigars had died and his cockatiel was sick.

**Glen:** It's a pleasure Judy and thank you.

**Judy:** We've been talking with Glen Walker, Chairman of the Anti-Fluoridation Association<sup>2</sup> and author of "Fluoridation – Poison on Tap"<sup>3</sup>.

### **Editors Notes and References**

1. The interview was broadcast on 3 December 2002. Copyright for the contents of the interview is held by the interviewer Judy-Ann Steed, who has given approval for publication by The Australian Fluoridation News. The radio station's management has asked us not to print its name, as it must be seen to be impartial.
2. Since the broadcast, Glen Walker has retired from the role of Chairman of the Anti-Fluoridation Association of Victoria.
3. Fluoridation – Poison on Tap; An indictment of the Victorian Government Committee of Inquiry, Melbourne 1979-1980, into the Fluoridation of Victorian Water Supplies: Second Edition, 1982; published in Australia by Glen Walker; printed by Magenta Press Pty Ltd, Mulgrave, Victoria. Copyright. ISBN 0 9593571 0 6. Copies of the book can be obtained from sites such as www.abebooks.com.
4. Fluoridation subsequently commenced in Brisbane, Queensland in early 2009, by direction of the Queensland Government.
5. Subsequently, an interim report in February 2009 by The Australian National Health and Hospital Reform Commission reported "...widespread deterioration in dental health...Primary school children's oral health ...has plateaued and then deteriorated by around 20 per cent across the last 8-10 years...We have 650,000 people on public dental waiting lists, with an average waiting time of 24 months..."  
As the majority of Australians have consumed fluoridated water for several decades, it is obvious that fluoridation has not overcome tooth decay. This documented trend suggests that fluoridation may have increased the incidence of dental decay, but insufficient data has been published to confirm this trend - Editor. See The Australian Fluoridation News, Vol. 45, No. 1, January-March 2009.
6. The Hon. R. J. Hamer, Premier of Victoria.
7. Hansard: Parliamentary Debates, 20 November, 1973, Questions on Notice, Fluoridation of water supplies Fluoridation Bill, p. 2293.
8. A letter from Melbourne Water Corporation advised that; "Sodium silicofluoride is sourced from China by Deltrex Chemicals and batched into a slurry at their Clayton plant in Victoria". (Letter to Shirley Howard, Gisborne Victoria, 19 Nov. 2003). On 19 June 2009, Melbourne Water advised: "...our supplier is now Consolidated Chemical Company which currently sources the material from Japan" - Charles Tan, Manager Technical Procurement, Melbourne Water.

Words have been capitalized in transcript to indicate emphasis by speakers; emphasis in bold text has been added by the editor.

His daughter Renee lives at Warner and her budgerigar also died. 'All the birds basically got the runs with lots of watery discharge in the cage and they were dehydrated,' Mr. Gow said." (Courier Mail, 16/17 May).

- "When an overdose of fluoride was released into Brisbane's water supplies three weeks ago people became sick. Most had gastroenteritis but there were other conditions. Todd Crew believes the elevated fluoride levels affected his seven-year-old daughter's skin. 'Her skin started to blister and looked like a rash and then it proceeded to move to her back and her buttocks and then her shoulders and then her face and then her head.'" (ABC The World Today, 22 May).

**Fluoridation imposes the will of a government on a population to deny the basic human right of people to choose what they eat or drink.**

Next issue of The Australian Fluoridation News will include a detailed report on the Brisbane Fluoridation Overdose Scare – Editor.

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