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Are you a Hamilton City ratepayer or resident? No

Are you a Hamilton City water user? No

Do you wish to attend a hearing: Yes

I would like to participate in a group presentation

Position on Fluoride: I would like Council to STOP adding fluoride to the city's water supply.

General Comments: Fluoridation does not reduce dental decay

I have been involved in this issue for many years. When I became a dental student I had already completed a degree in chemistry so I knew that what I was being taught in dental school about the toxicity of fluoride was not correct.

I have since been involved in helping to keep fluoridation out of Whangarei and stopping it in the Far North, New Plymouth and Central Hawke's Bay.

The reason I am opposed to fluoridation is that it does not work and it exposes the whole population to a known toxic substance.

- Dental decay has gone down all around the world regardless of whether fluoride was added to water or not
- Dental decay was declining in New Zealand, since the 1930s before there was any fluoridation, and continued to decline in all areas regardless of whether there was fluoridation or not
- Maori had exceptionally good teeth before taking on a western diet
- The biggest predictor of dental decay is socio-economic status
- The main cause of dental decay is diet.

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