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INQUIRY INTO DENTAL SERVICES IN NSW

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**To: The Hon Jan Burnswood
NSW Dental Inquiry
Standing Committee on Social Issues**

Re: Fluoridation of local water supply.

Dear Mrs Burnswood,

22 years ago I had an accident that left me a quadriplegic; this in turn affected my kidney function, as part of my rehad at the time I had sessions with urologists.

Part of the advice given was to increase my intake of water to keep my system flushed and to reduce the chances of urinary tract infections and to drink water with the least amount of added chemical, to avoid build up in my system.

I have lived by this advice and have had a fairly healthy life so far.

My problem with Fluoridation, its another chemical my body has to process; I do not have a problem with naturally occurring chemicals from the foods, and sea salts I consume, some of which have natural calcium fluoride either leached to the sea or drawn up by plants from the soil.

Given the amount of water I drink daily and the sources of fluoride I get naturally and from tooth paste; how can I be sure what is considered a safe dose, is now exceeded by having fluoride introduced into water supply as well as my normal natural intake.

I have also had the opportunity to speak with a toxicologist about my concerns and he confirmed my fears enough to get me to look closely at both sides of the argument.

Until it is confirmed one way or the other by a proper scientific study by relevant scientist who have no bias one way or the other, then the committee should reject fluoridation.

I also see from literature that the fluoride intended for use is by- product of industry and not a natural product, what tests have been done to establish the difference from natural calcium Fluorides and the by-product from Fertilizer and Aluminum Factories and Smelters.

I pay for safe drinking water from the Local Council; that I can drink without fear, and I have grounded fears the water I will be supplied with wont be safe.

**Yours in concern
T. Kennedy**