

FIRE WATER

Australia's Industrial Fluoridation Disgrace

Exposing the systematic industrial waste poisoning of Australian drinking water supplies

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Jaya: So here we are in the Geelong Bay. It's a very picturesque area, but it has some hidden perils. Perhaps you would like to elaborate a little about your story. That would be wonderful.

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Scott: My story started, especially been interested in this 4 years ago, when my daughter was diagnosed with a tumour. Before that I wasn't active in anything. I spent one year while she went through hell getting chemo and radiotherapy. Out of that she lost her eyesight, some of her mobility, some of her IQ and her kidneys and other bodily organs have been left damaged. She's a happy girl, but we still have to look after her 24/7. **[00:01:35]** Since they've put fluoride in our water, I've had to look that up – ever wary of any sort of toxins in my daughter's diet – and after a lot of educating myself I have come to the conclusion, just on the facts and the science, that I cannot let my daughter drink this stuff. It's not only *not* what we consider 'good' fluoride, it also has other toxins like lead, cadmium, ah... there's a whole list; and it's been verified by Australian television that this *is in* our water. **[00:02:15]** Government's doing this; they've... omitted facts. They've lied to us and I cannot let my daughter or any other of my children drink this 'toxic soup' that they're claiming is beneficial for their teeth. Before that, I was blissfully unaware of what fluoride was. It was in the toothpaste and that was all and I believed my government, but after this I have no faith whatsoever in either my government or the people pushing this. **[00:02:49]** In my point of view, they should have their licences, their medical licences taken off them. They've lied to us. They sit there with cheesy grins. I believe truly that they know they're lying to us; and after viewing the facts that fluoride or the fluorosilicic acid... I have to seriously come to the conclusion that this has been put in for totally other reasons, mainly so the industry can get rid of their toxic waste, cheaply, because they can't dump it anywhere. It costs them millions as I have found out through my own research. **[00:03:31]** And I think there's some backroom deals going on. They're just filling our water with this crap and filling our children with this crap.

Scott: This is Incitec Pivot, Geelong, where they make fluorosilicic acid they're putting in my local water supplies in Geelong. They claim that this is all good for our children and I do not want this stuff being drunk by my children, especially my disabled child with compromised kidneys.

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Scott: G'day. This is Barwon Water. These are the people that are being forced by our government to put these substances in our water. I do believe that if you polled most their workers you would find out that most of them are against it themselves, but that they could never admit that. [00:04:20] There's rumours of microphones at their desks, so they're listened to for everything that they say. And they're very carefully watched. All complaints are handed through here and then they tell you to go talk to Department of Human Services, who tell you to come back and talk to Barwon Water. It's just a giant circle. No one will speak about anything. They just keep you in the whirlpool.

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Jaya: So, perhaps you could expand a little bit on the financial risks that fluoride has actually caused you to take.

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Scott: Well, for starters, I've had to get in large amounts of drinking water. There's actually nine [people] in my house all up in a very small house. Don't actually realise how much water you actually use in just everyday living. At one stage I was actually trying to wash the clothes and bathe the children in proper drinking water. But it's just too expensive. [00:05:28] I'm on a carer's pension where we struggle. We just 'hold the fort,' money-wise. And this is a *massive* burden financially on me. I've had to get a small tank in, which we get water off our roof. But with the amount of companies around Geelong, spewing toxic waste onto our air shed, I don't even know how safe that is and I have no way of testing it. So, I've had to go back to washing our clothes and bathing our children in a carcinogenic 'soup' that our government tells us that is good for us. It formerly used to have to be dumped in toxic waste sites.

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Jaya: Tell me a little bit about the knowledge that you have about what fluoride is and why you would make a claim that it's carcinogenic.

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Scott: I've listened to many of the scientists that have been black banned after releasing their findings. I've watched many of the many of the things that have happened in America with their struggles to prove what this was. I didn't even know there was an argument – I mean fluoride was supposed to be safe. It was in your kids' toothpaste. I can't even use fluoridated toothpaste anymore. I won't let my kids use it, even though it's a different sort of fluoride again.

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Jaya: It's pharmaceutical grade apparently.

Scott: It's pharmaceutical grade, but even that causes damage.

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Jaya: And there is from what I understand there is warnings on toothpaste containers, [Scott: Not...] that you don't swallow toothpaste.

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Scott: ... Not in Australia. In Australia there's no warnings at all. Overseas they actually have on there that if you have more than a pea-size amount, if your child swallows more than a pea-size amount, you are to ring the authorities immediately, the Poisons Centres. That's how toxic it is. 'Course that's topical. That's applying it to your teeth and spitting it out. Your child's not to swallow it at all, and now our government is taking something that isn't even related to that form of fluoride. [00:07:31] They're taking a toxic waste from the scrubber stacks at our local industries, that has all sorts of other toxins in there – lead, mercury and... there's a whole list. It's even been... it's even come out on Australian television, so we've been vindicated. The scientists that have lost their jobs and been silenced have been vindicated by our own media in Australia; and it's still in there. [00:08:01] I mean, we haven't got a voice. There is nothing... Legally the courts have been shut off to us. They've been told not to hear *anything* on fluoride. Our local council... some of our local councils have voted against it, unanimously, and they're just steam-rolled. The people have been steam-rolled. Our councils have been steam-rolled. Our water boards have been forced to put it in. They're innocent.

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Jaya: Why do you think this is?

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Scott: I mean there's... when you think about it, and think what is actually in the water, you can think dark thoughts of why someone would want that in your water; and you don't want to go there, you don't want to think that your government's capable of those sort of things. I think it's got a lot to do with the fact that this toxic waste is actually *extremely* costly for these companies to actually dump.

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Jaya: So what rights do you think you have in this... situation?

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Scott: Well I'm led to believe, and it's occurring to me that I am without any rights whatsoever. I mean, we've had referendums held by the public that have shown that in the high ninety [percents] that people *do not* want it in our water. You'd think a public referendum would do it – I mean that's all we're after is a... and that's all they won't let us have, 'cause they know that the high ninety percent will come in and they'll be forced to remove it. [00:09:41] But Australian law, I mean I'm only a father and I don't actually know much of our law. I mean, I've never been in trouble in my life. I'm a good person, so I don't actually know that side of Australia.

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Jaya: Have you ever done any research on the Constitution and your rights?

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Scott: On the Constitution, no. I mean, Americans, are always talking about their Constitution and most of their citizens seem to know it back to front, but to tell you the truth, doesn't even occur to me that we actually have a Constitution. I wouldn't be able to tell you one word. I wouldn't even be able to

tell you where to find it. Perhaps I should be looking in that direction. The Americans use it effectively against their government when they do wrongs to them.

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Jaya: So, where do you see this heading for your family – the situation that you're in with your family?

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Scott: Well, it looks like if the government's going to take legal action against me – especially in a commercial court – where my story won't be heard. It's just, do I owe the money? "Pay up! If you don't pay up we'll take your house." I am going to have to fold on my non-payment, which I was just trying to get the government to listen to me. I thought maybe someone would listen if I didn't pay the bill, but I am going to get rail-roaded there and I know that. I'm scared shitless of losing my house – it's the only thing I've got. It's a roof over my childrens' head.

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Jaya: And you feel that all of this has been caused because you simply refuse... that you've been rail-roaded into having to pay for water that has a chemical that actually, your daughter, particularly, is severely allergic to; and all of this has been caused because of that?

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Scott: Well, the way my daughter is with a/her compromised system after the year-long chemo, I mean her kidneys her thyroids that... they wouldn't be able to handle it. It'd wipe her out. I can't allow her to have one drop, and because I know it's so deadly, even for my other children, I can't allow them to have it. I've done the research – it accumulates in your bones.

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Jaya: So, do you think there needs to be a more compassionate look, and a particularly... a fresh look at the recent science that's coming out – particularly in places like China, where they've done IQ studies; and America has a wealth of scientific reports these days. Do you think there needs to be a revision of... the actual reports that have come out now and a more compassionate approach, particularly for sufferers?

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Scott: I seriously think they didn't even look at any of those reports – the negative ones. I think they just ah... someone up on the Hill said it'd be a good idea and they've wrapped their so-called 'facts' around this agenda. I mean, it works great for our companies. They got a cheap place to put their toxic waste now.

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Jaya: So, basically human beings become toxic waste dumps.

Scott: Yes, yes.

Jaya: Specifically with fluoride.

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Scott: Specifically – and all the other nasties that are in there with it.

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Jaya: Is there anything that you would like to actually say to the Australian Government and the people that are making these decisions?

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Scott: I think you should listen to the people you're supposed to protect; when over 90% of us don't want this in the water, and when we're fast learning what it is you've done to us, there is gonna come a time where we're gonna get a little bit angry.

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Jaya: How has this actually affected you directly?

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Scott: Directly? First of all, I've lost all faith in my government and the scientists it keeps, the paid scientists. Financially, I have to source unfluoridated water, because once I educated myself on what's actually in there, I can't as a father give it to my children any more, especially my disabled child. [00:13:59] As an effort to try and show the government how they've wronged me, I've stopped paying my water bill. But there's been tremendous stress for that and bits of paper coming in my letter box all the time, and demands, and I'm scared that I am gonna end up broke or losing my house if the government tries to turn me into some sort of show of force.

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Jaya: So, are you a 'criminal' because you're not paying your water rates?

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Scott: I feel *they* are trying to make me into a criminal. I don't feel like a criminal. I feel like someone's father standing up for their damn children.

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Jaya: What would you say to other fathers?

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Scott: Stand up with me. I mean everybody knows it's wrong that, um, they're just things that everyone's too gutless to actually do anything about it. They know the government is just gonna steam roll over you. If the government wants something they'll do it and sometimes they use very *dirty* tactics too. We won't get into that. [00:15:09] I mean, if they take me to court, I could lose everything. I could lose my marriage, my house, there's even been hints of losing my children... 'cause if I get the water removed, from my house, under Australian law they have to also remove the sewage, and then it's not a healthy environment for my children, so that sort of leaves me to believe that um something like DHS could get involved; and especially when they're so wrapt in this argument, and they're part of the argument, and they are actually run by the government. It could end up, or I'm afraid, they will come after my children if I continue my non-payment.

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Jaya: And this is all because you just won't force-feed your children with a chemical that you don't want?

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Scott: Ah, yes, basically. Because I'm standing up for myself, and you can't do that in a so-called 'democracy,' can we? 'Compulsory' and 'Democracy' shouldn't be in the same sentence.

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Scott: What I'd like to know, in the end, is who's going to be held accountable? There's been no test done on how much fluoride is going into our systems already. There's no test done on how much fluoride is coming out of these plants around at Geelong. There is no test done on how much we intake in food that we eat; and we've had nothing but lies – and I just want to know who is going to be held accountable when the truth comes out.

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