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Regarding your references to the fluoridation of water supplies in your Consultation Paper on Public Health, I must point out that your conclusions regarding the deleterious effects of fluoride are severely in error.

Fluorosis, for example, far from being a "cosmetic problem" (1), is a sign of damage to the whole skeleton.

It may interest you to know that we all now, whether in fluoridated areas or not, are receiving well over the "safe" dose of 1ppm, from the general ubiquitous nature of this pollutant,

Also that there is NO safe dose as F- builds up in the body and we excrete only about half of what we take in.

The vested interests behind the propagation of F- are multifarious and powerful.

The simple fact that fluoridation is a doctoring without consent and is mass-medication should make a body concerned with "ethics" say a firm "NO !" to it !

Let alone the mass of data extant as to its toxicity.

Read one of the earliest books : Dr Waldbott's, Fluoridation the Great Dilemma, from 1978. Many have followed since.

Fluorosis is now endemic in the Western World.