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shown in their table of results from 1978 to 1982, and that their study shows the difference **between the fluoridated and non-fluoridated areas.**

The Fraud

The table of results published by the Health Commission in their "Study" does not show any data of children from fluoridated or non-fluoridated areas. They lump all Victorian children together, irrespective of whether they live in a fluoridated area or a non-fluoridated area, and give a result that we are expected to accept as scientific and honest.

They show that in 1978, 3564 six-year-old children were examined and in 1982, 13,587 children were examined, and then they state that by 1982, a 71 percent reduction in decayed, missing and filled permanent teeth occurred, but nowhere do they show the number of children from each area, so it is quite possible the children in the non-fluoridated areas are used to bolster the average results in the fluoridated areas, but of course nobody can make any positive conclusions because the study is complete propaganda, unethical in the extreme, and a disgrace to any self-respecting Premier and his Government.

It is on this kind of Victorian Government "dental science" and expertise that the Government is forcing fluoridation of our drinking water supplies.

VICTORIAN HEALTH COMMISSION

On 13th March, 1984 the Chairman of the Victorian Health Commission, Dr. G. Trevaks wrote to the Ombudsman in reference to their "study", and made the following comment:

"Nevertheless I would make the point that the Commission has not specifically claimed that the figures quoted on children's tooth decay were the results of a full scale scientific examination.

The figures are, however, the result of a legitimate statistical study undertaken by Commission officers . . ."

The Health Commission's statement in their booklet, published obviously to promote fluoridation throughout the community, reads as follows:

How effective is fluoridation?

"Melbourne's water supply was fluoridated in 1977. By 1981 tooth decay among six-year-old children had fallen by 62 percent."

A Legitimate Statistical Study?

Not only is the so-called study of the Health Commission statistically erroneous, morally unjustified, and no doubt a classical piece of fluoridation propaganda to mislead the community, but the reader will be interested in the statement in the Health Commission's booklet that the dates they are quoting are 1977 and 1981, whereas the figures presented to us were 1978 and 1982, so that in which ever direction we look at this Government document, we cannot find one true fact.

In the one-page "legitimate, scientific, statistical study" there is no data of any kind relating to fluoridated or non-fluoridated areas, no variables such as male and female, and no details of areas of examination, such as the name of a city or country town, or socio-economic groups, or more importantly no data showing which children were receiving free school dental clinic treatment, compared with the disadvantaged and discriminated children who received no dental service in their schools throughout Victoria.

The request to the Victorian Health Commission was for a copy of their Study for the years 1977 and 1981 referred to in their booklet on Fluoridation. The one page data supplied by the Health Commission is for the years 1978 and 1982.

Without taking into consideration other erroneous factors in their Study, it is scientifically impossible to evaluate data periods that do not correspond, let alone make health claims on such statistics.

Freedom of Information Act

When examining the fluoridation files in the Premier's Department on 4th January, 1984 under the Freedom of Information Act, a memo on the letterhead of the Premier's Department to the Private Secretary, Ms Lorna Botham, from Ms Ewa Kozlowski, Community Service Branch, stated:

1. "Mr. G. Walker, Chairman, Anti-Fluoridation Association of Victoria, is a persistent letter writer to whom the Department has replied three times.

2. Each reply from the Department has been delayed not more than ten days from the actual date of Mr. Walker's letter.

3. On 17th January, 1983 Mr. Walker requested a copy of a "scientific study" related to dental decay. The Department replied on 27th January, 1983 explaining that an ***official study*** *does not exist, and providing details of an internal study conducted by the Health Commission.*

4. Mr. Walker wrote to the Department with a similiar request on 12, 19, 22, and 23 February, despite the Department's earlier reply.

5. Further letter from the Department to Mr. Walker on 23rd February, 1983.

6. It seems that Mr Walker now writes to the Department on a daily basis for information that has already been provided to him.

(Signed) Ewa Kozlowski Community Services Branch 28/2/83"

The chronological order of letters to the Premier are correct, but the true reason for these letters is not documented in the Premier's Department memo.

All letters asked for a copy of the study publicly claimed by the Premier, and the continuous requests were made because no response was given to this enquiry, in **spite of the Premier's Department's memo saying otherwise.**

As this article shows, the so-called "study" was finally made available through the Ombudsman, thirteen months after the above memo was circulated saying the "information has already been provided to him."

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FLUORIDATION

In 1977 the Victorian Government introduced Sodium Silico Fluoride (ref. 1 MMBW Chemical and Bacteriological Division) into Melbourne's water supply for the purpose of strengthening children's teeth against decay.

OTHER USES OF FLUORIDE

Sodium Silicofluoride is registered as a pesticide (ref. 2 Pesticides Act 1958).
Use: In nurseries and ornamental gardens.
Target Species: Snails.
Basis of Toxic Properties: Enzyme inhibition by fluoride ion (ref. 3 Committee of Enquiry into the Effects of Pesticides 1966).
TOXICITY . . . Measured as the LD50, (This indicates the lethal dose of chemical in milligrams per kilogram body weight of the target species) that kills 50% of a large group of animals of that species. The following figures refer to rats. Relative toxicities of some pesticides are:

PESTICIDES	LD50 (rats)
copper sulphate	300
bordeaux	200
sodium silico fluoride	125
D.D.T.	120
lead arsenate	100
dieldrin	40

Ref. 3 Victorian State Government, Committee of Enquiry into the Effects of Pesticides 1966 pp. 32-39.
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