# IF I DON'T WANT TO DRINK IT WHY SHOULD I PAY FOR IT? HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR LETTER OF NON-CONSENT

(and make your Government accountable)

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Most in the Community are well aware of the issue of fluoridation. Most will agree that SA Health has not provided adequate consultation on the matter.

If you agree that the addition of fluoride to your water and its subsequent consumption is of concern to you and your family, and considering that three community petitions on this issue have been ignored by your Government, please read below.

### THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY ACTION:

Nothing is gained by community silence. By being silent on any matter you are giving your Government your consent by default. In response to the letter you may have received in your junk mail entitled *"Mount Gambier Fluoridation Project"* as recently issued by both SA Health and SA Water, many of you in the community have decided to take up the recommendation of Member of Legislative Council Ann Bressington by coming together through a concerted action to make your government accountable.

### WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

There are TWO PARTS to complete. Read and put into action after discussion with friends and family. Feel free to make as many copies of this information sheet and letters as you like and distribute accordingly. The more we send to SA Water the more powerful the message. If you need help please contact the persons on the bottom of this information sheet.

**Part 1 - Letter of Non-Consent:** Fill out and send or drop off your Letter of Non-Consent at one of the addresses below before you receive your next water bill. Choice Mount Gambier will relay your letter to the Office of MLC Ann Bressington who will make a copy to be sent to the two addressees as listed at the top. At this stage you are not refusing to pay your water bill, you are simply informing your elected representatives and authorities that they have acted without your informed consent by adding fluoride to your water supply. **Please deliver Part 1 to the nominated drop boxes below by Friday 10 December 2010.** 

**Part 2 – Notice of Conditional Acceptance of Payment:** The wording of this notice is currently being drafted by a lawyer and will be made available to the public soon. When you receive your next water bill from SA Water sometime in early 2011, your second letter of *Notice of Conditional Acceptance of Payment* should be sent or dropped off in the same manner as Part 1. The purpose of this notice outlines your express wishes that you will conditionally accept the full fees as incurred per your normal water usage pending an appropriate response from SA Health and/or SA Water. Again you are not refusing to pay but simply entering into a *negotiation of contract* for services supplied. Do not fear your government and their debt collector tactic. Keep your ears and eyes posted for further information of this notice at the website listed below. If you purchase a reverse osmosis unit in this time, please retain your receipt.

By Mail:	Drop Off In Person at one of the following locations:		
Hon. Ann Bressington	Pick Ave Fish & Chips	Cosmopolitan Pizza	Civic Video
C/O Choice Mount Gambier PO Box 9059	Pizza Haven	Carlin & Gazzard (Mercedes Showroom)	Rosaville Deli
Mount Gambier West SA 5291	Young's Mans Shop	(mercedes showroom)	Vansittart Deli

If you are in a rental situation and do not receive a water bill, invite your landlord to become involved and discuss with him or her the issues you have in the matter or contact Housing SA and record with them your concerns. If you are renting you can still participate in Part 1 of this community action even if Part 2 poses some issues for you.

## IMPORTANT: DO NOT SEND THIS HOW TO SHEET WITH PART 1 or PART 2. DO NOT COMPLETE OR SEND PART 2 WITHOUT SENDING PART 1. FILL OUT AND SEND PART 1 FIRST.

For more information visit <u>www.bressington.net</u> or contact Colin Townsend 0488 903 143 or Alex Young 0407 014 891 Information on this How To Sheet is provided by Choice Mount Gambier in conjunction with the Office of MLC Ann Bressington of SA. Part 2 is subject to change pending ongoing developments and responses received from SA Health & SA Water.