

**fluoride submission**

o: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 09:54 a.m.

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History: This message has been replied to.

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**Question 1**

*Do you support the proposed amendment? If not why not?*

*Yes i do support the amendment, i believe fluoride is very beneficial to the dental health of the whole population.*

**Question 2**

*Are there other fluoride-containing compounds used to treat community water supplies that should be specifically named in the regulation? If so, what are they?*

*I don't know.*





Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations  
under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)

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07/01/2015 09:55 a.m.

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Regards





**Submission on Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)**

>: askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz

07/01/2015 10:10 a.m.

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To whom it may concern;

re: Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 – Fluoride (2014)

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Thank you for your time. I do not wish to speak to my submission.

Nga mihi,





Submission

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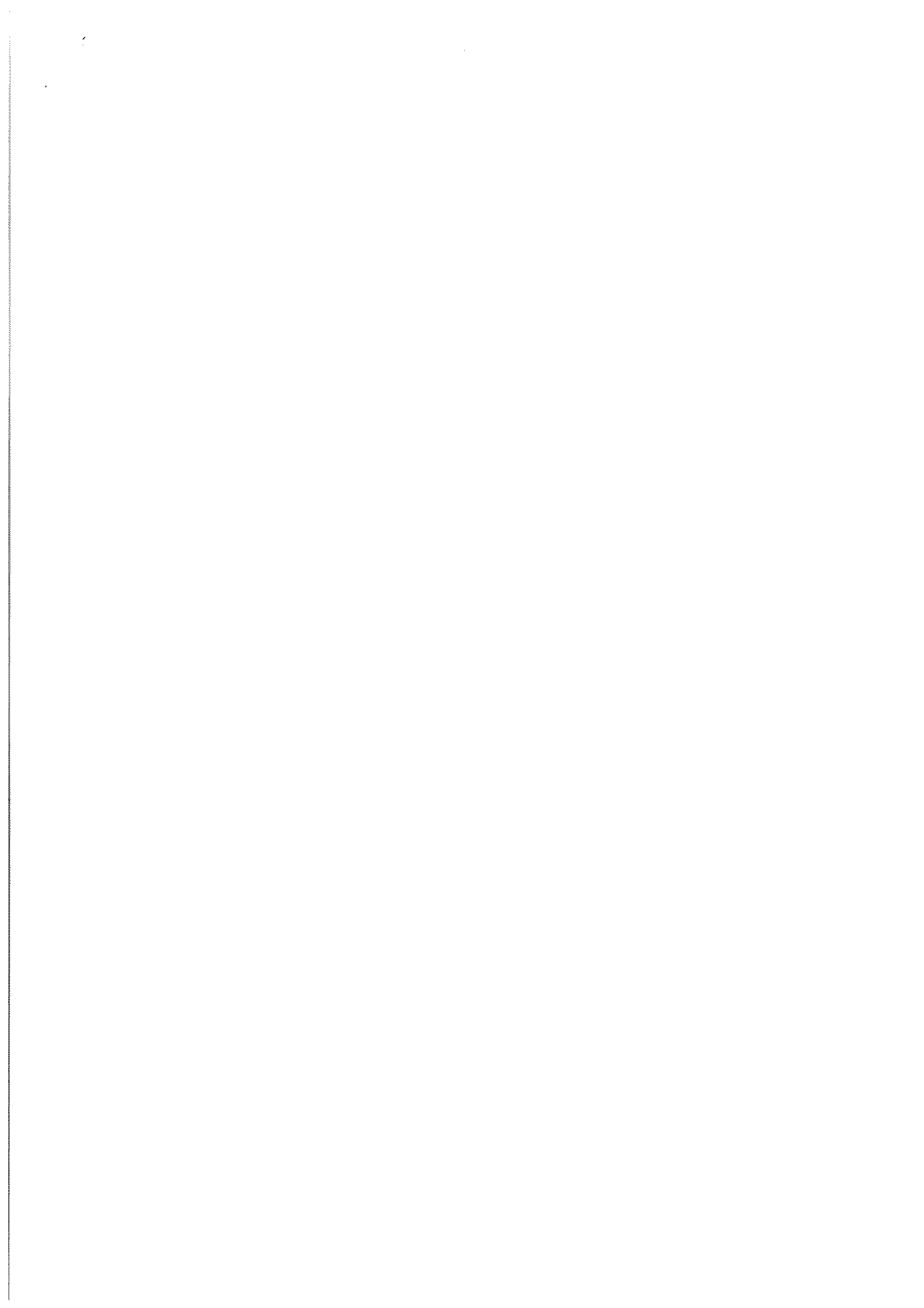
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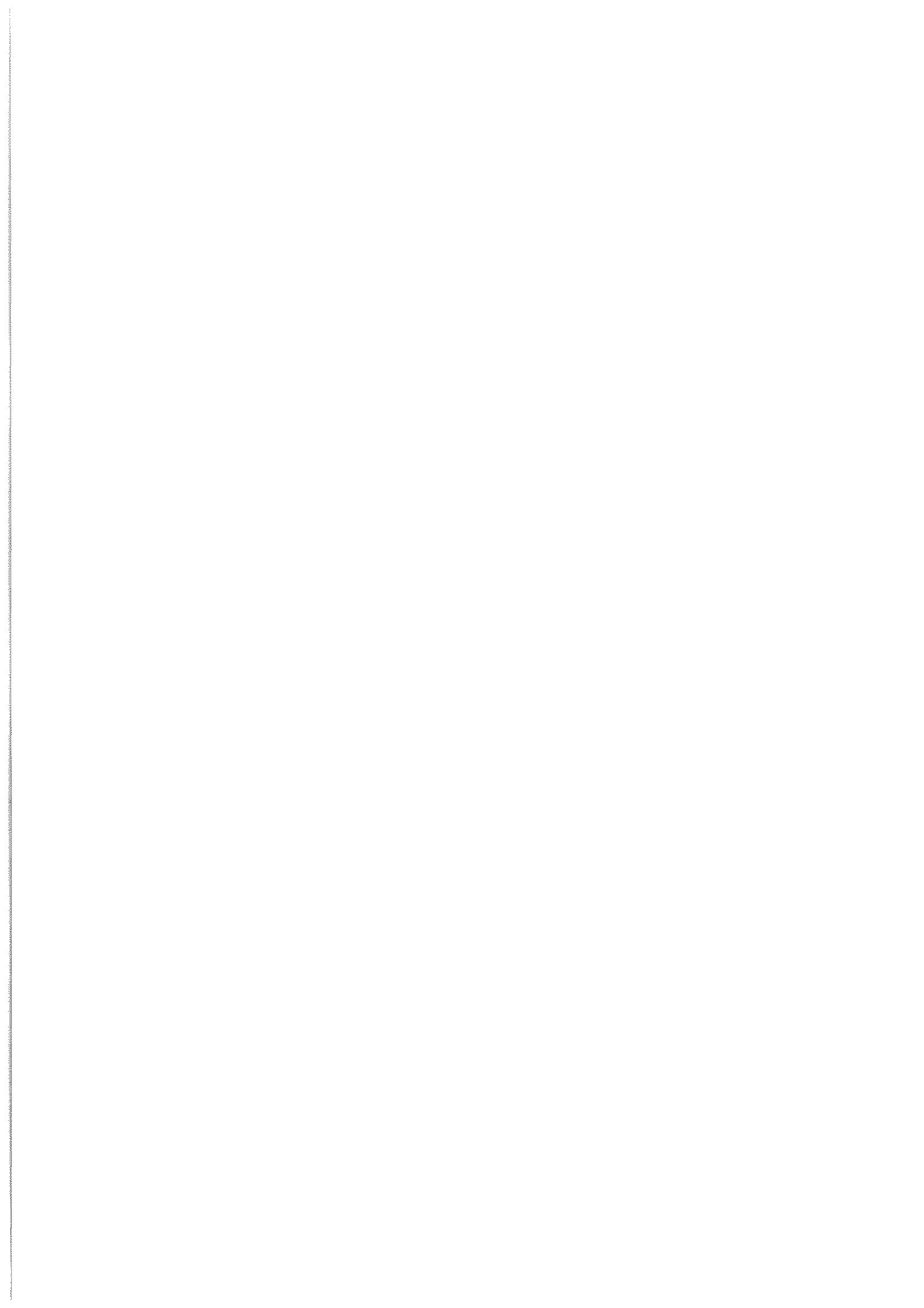
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to: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 10:26 a.m.

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07/01/2015 10:30 a.m.

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Bachelor of Natural Medicine  
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to: askmedsafe

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From:

To: <askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz>

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do not floridate our water

iskmedsafe@moh.govt.nz

07/01/2015 10:33 a.m.

Please respond to

History:

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i DO NOT support the proposed ammendment to floridate our water.  
it should be my right to medicate my family should i choose, mass medication of a population is wrong on every level.  
floride may be good for your teeth, but it is toxic to other organs in your body.  
people are drinking more and more water, therby creating a posibility of toxic overload  
if floride is recomended, make free floride tablets avaiable for those who wish to use them. it would work out cheaper for the government and still respect the free will rights of the population

PLEASE DO NOT FLORIDATE OUR DRINKING WATER





**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations  
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07/01/2015 10:39 a.m.

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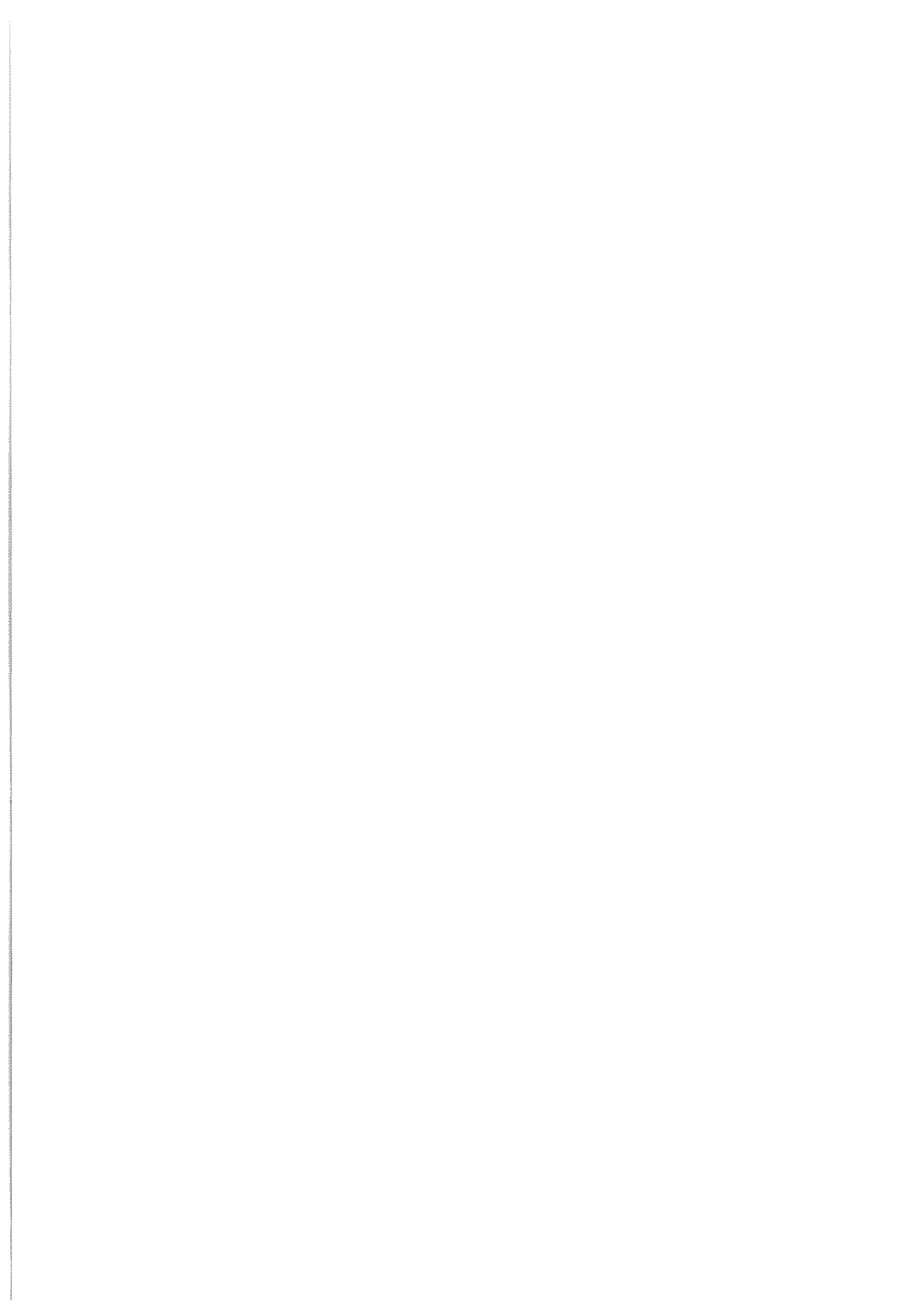
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## Submission

o: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 10:45 a.m.

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**Post to:**

Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 Consultation

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Clinical Leadership Protection & Regulation

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Wellington 6145

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submission to consultations on proposed amendment re: fluoride

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07/01/2015 11:02 a.m.

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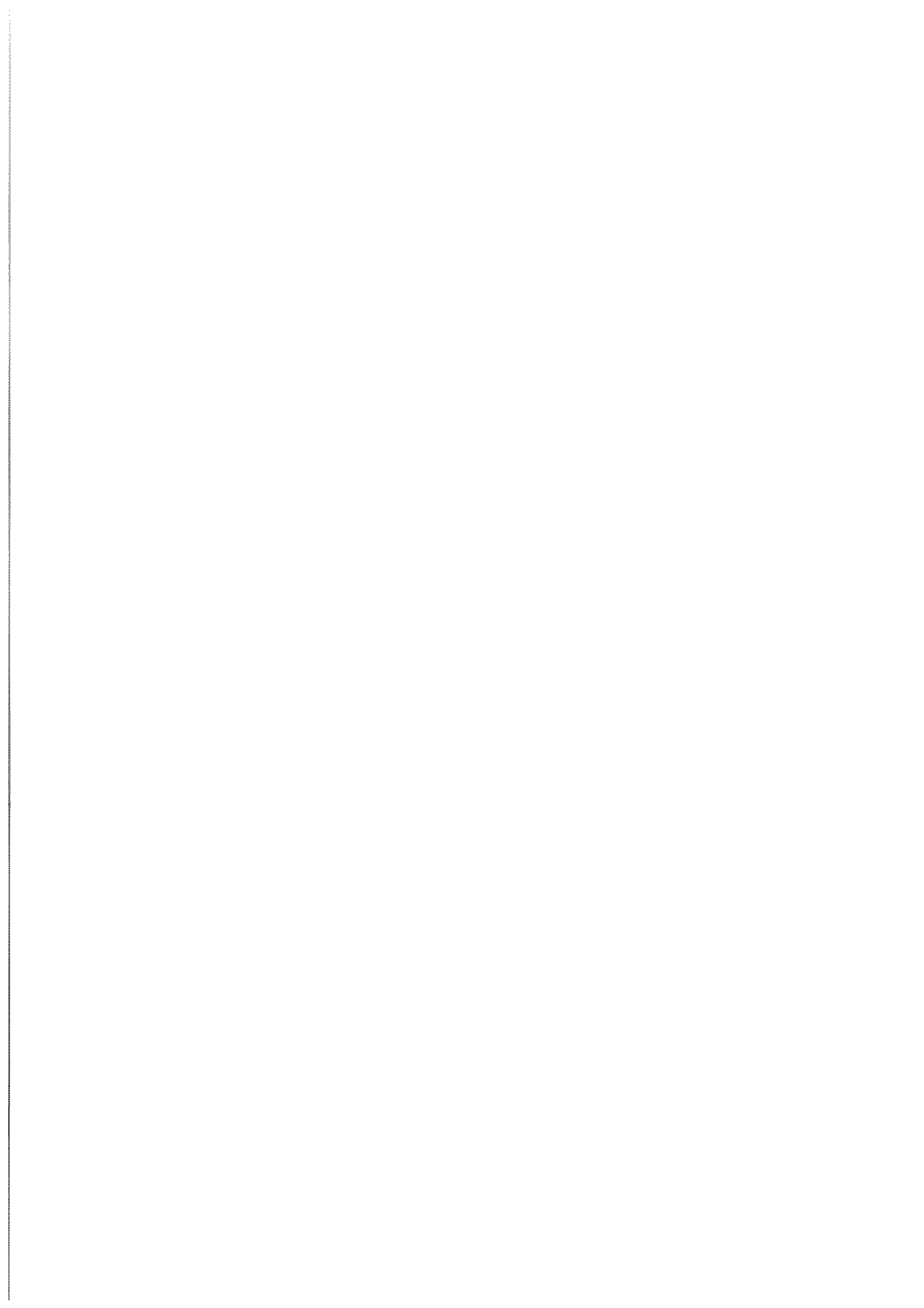
The reason the Government gives to people for adding it to the water supply is to prevent dental cavities in children. This is the reason they give people for putting a highly toxic substance in our water. It is totally unnecessary for water treatment and it is significant that Christchurch has never been fluoridated whilst the rest of us have to put up with medicated poisoned water.

Most of Europe does not have fluoride and neither does London where I have lived for 25 years. It is totally unnecessary for the treatment of water. Furthermore, it is a significant fact that those countries NZ, Australia, Canada and the USA, who do put “fluoride” (or the highly toxic substance commonly referred to as “fluoride” ) in their water, have the highest rates of cancer in the world.

*I do wish to speak to my submission.*

**Post to:**  
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to: askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz

07/01/2015 11:05 a.m.

From:

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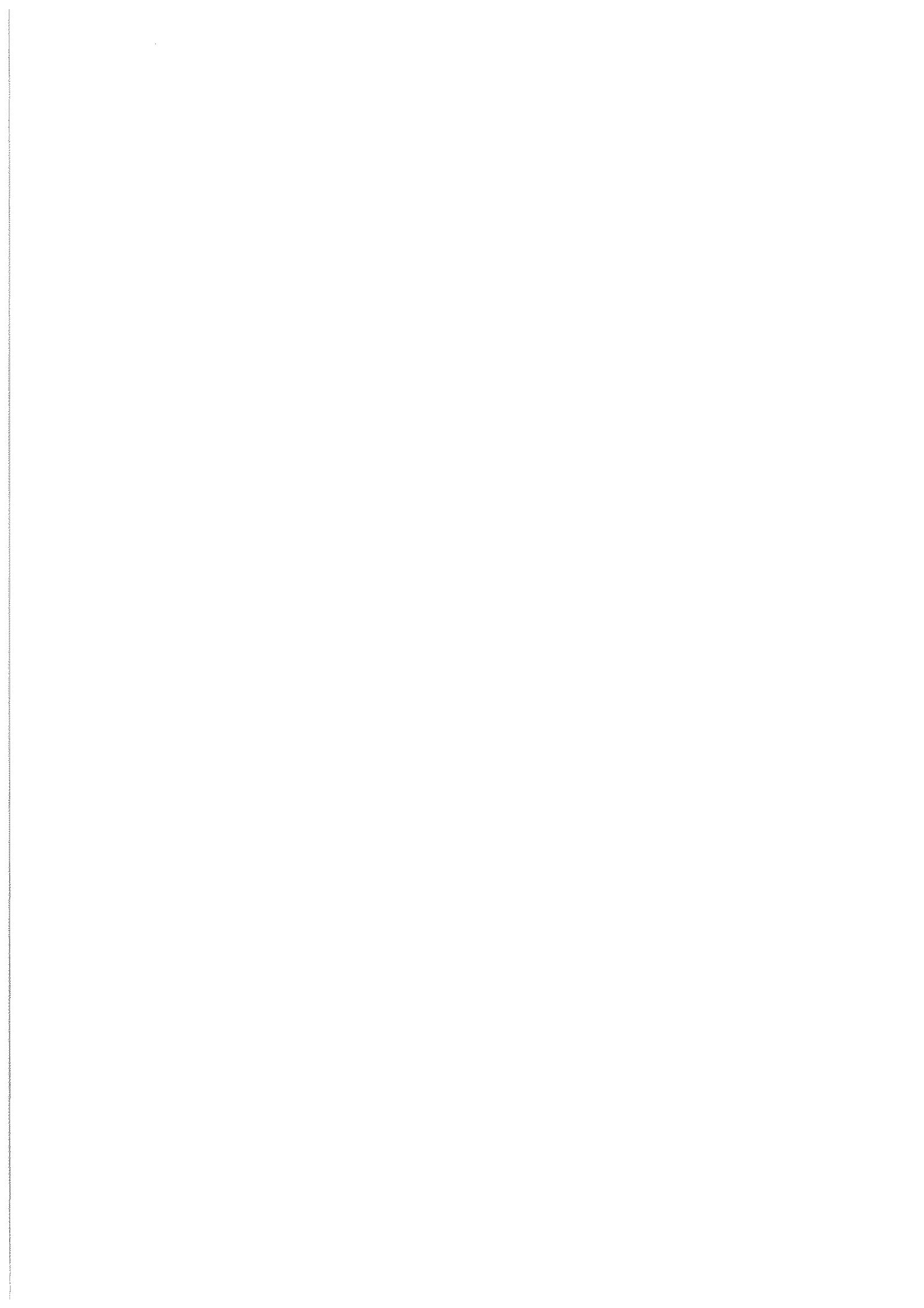
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askmedsafe

07/01/2015 11:15 a.m.

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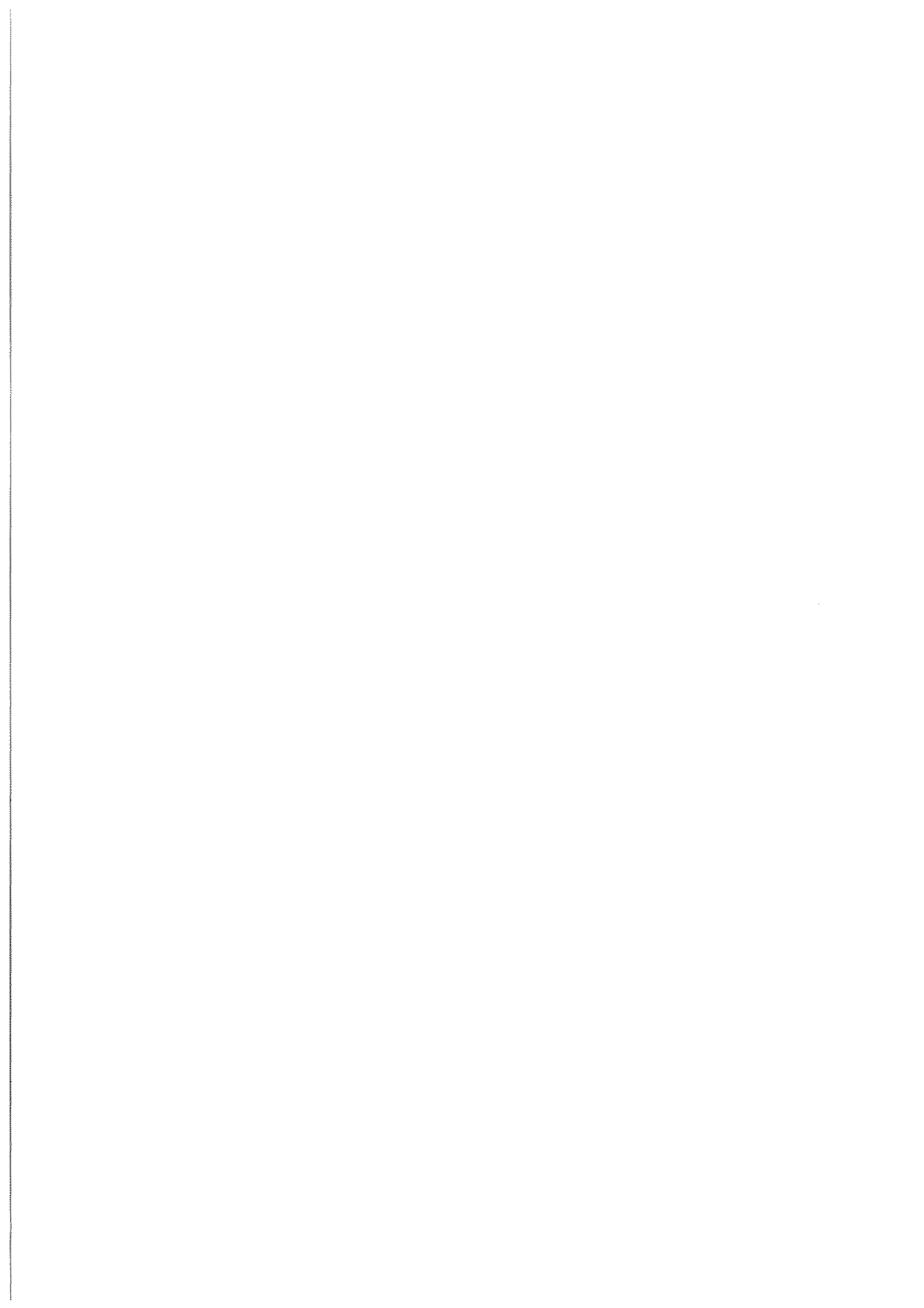
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As a practitioner providing primary care to patients, I am taking this opportunity to express my opinion that fluoridation of public water is unreasonable as there is no basis in the evidence to justify it and it contravenes the Medicines Act.

DR.

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07/01/2015 11:20 a.m.

History:

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SUBMISSION FORM

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Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 – Fluoride (2014)

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**Submission: Fluoride should not be exempted from medicines act per NZ Law**

to: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 11:22 a.m.

Sent by: [redacted]

History: This message has been replied to.

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SUBMISSION re: Regulations to Medicines Act

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## Proposed Amendment to Regulations under Medicines Act - FLUORIDE

to: askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz

07/01/2015 11:23 a.m.

History:

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NO. I do not support the proposed amendment because:

Fluoride containing substances are put in community water supplies as a treatment for people against the disease of dental caries, therefore it is a medicine (and not a water treatment added to make the water itself safe, like chlorine)

The proposed amendment will undermine the safety of this use of fluoride treatment by removing it from the realms of medical treatment and the accompanying protection from any risk or harm caused by its use as a medication.

*Question 2. Are there other fluoride-containing compounds used to treat community water supplies that should be specifically named in the regulation? If so, what are they?*

NO. Fluoride and its compounds are not used to ‘treat’ community water supplies. They are used to treat people, therefore anything containing fluoride added to water supplies should hold the status of a medicine for the purposes of the Act.

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**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations  
under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)**

to: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 11:37 a.m.

History: This message has been replied to.

To whom it may concern,  
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Kind regards,



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Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations  
under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)

askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz,

07/01/2015 11:42 a.m.

History:

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Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 Consultation

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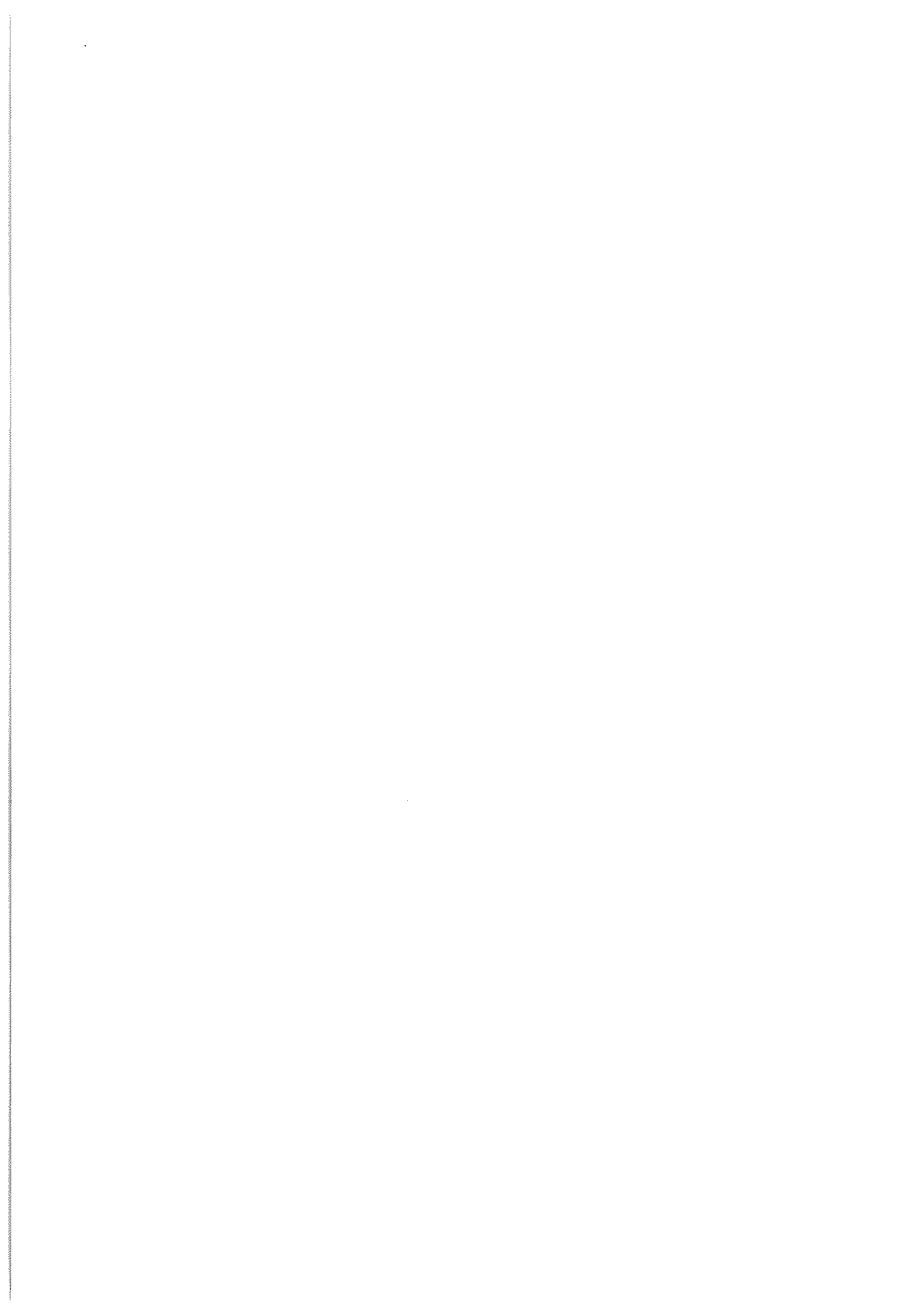
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**Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 Consultation**

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thank you.*





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Submitter:

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15/01/2014

**Question 1.** *Do you support the proposed amendment? If not why not?*

**NO.** I do not support the proposed amendment because:

- 1) Fluoride is not a water treatment like chlorine and it is not an essential nutrient.

\* The EU Commission of Health and Consumers recently stated that, ‘people do not need fluoride for normal growth and development.

\* I pay my rates to receive pure, clean water but I do not expect certain ingredients put in that pure water whether it is meant to treat our teeth or not. If I want to ingest fluoride, I can get fluoride tablets from my pharmacy or brush my teeth with fluoridated toothpaste.

\* Community water supplies are fluoridated with unapproved, unlicensed hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFA) or sodium silico fluoride (SSF). In Wellington, the fluoride added to our water is purchased from the Belgium company called Prayon - [http://www.prayon.com/media/cms/PRAYON\\_OHSAS\\_18001.pdf](http://www.prayon.com/media/cms/PRAYON_OHSAS_18001.pdf). In August 2002 Belgium became the first country in the world to prohibit fluoride supplements.

- 2) Fluoride is added to the water as **treatment for the disease** of dental caries therefore it is a **medicine**.

Further:

\* "Fluoridation provides an uncontrolled fluoride dose. Local councils provide no dosage information or specific warnings for their fluoridated water supplies.

- \* Fluoridation began before research showed that fluoride's benefits were due to topical application not ingestion.
- \* Fluoridation began before all its side effects were known. When water is fluoridated, the dose is uncontrolled as the amount ingested varies with water intake.

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I am very concerned that if this amendment is enacted it would set an unfortunate precedent for other medicines (therapeutic substances) to be added to community water supplies.

For example, lithium occurs naturally in groundwater. Some scientists have advocated adding lithium to community water supplies to alleviate the chronic suicide rate in some countries - New Zealand being one of the worst. There is a danger therefore that this proposed fluoride amendment may open the door to this practice.

*I do not wish to speak to my submission.*

## SUBMISSION FORM

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If this submission is made on behalf of an organisation, please name that organisation here:	
Please provide a brief description of the organisation if applicable:	
Address/email:	.....
Your interest in this topic (for example, local body, consumer, manufacturer, health professional etc):	I work in General Medical Practice with a preventative health focus
<b>Question 1</b> <i>Do you support the proposed amendment? If not, why not?</i>	No. From all my researches it is very clear to me that fluoridation of the public water supply is not in the public interest and represents rather a well evidenced threat to health. Its use is intended for therapeutic purposes, hence it is clearly a medicine as such. Its dosage is completely uncontrolled and for those who wish to use fluoride local application is by far the safest option as long as it is not swallowed, particularly in children.
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**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations  
under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)**

: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 11:52 a.m.

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**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the  
Medicines Act 1981 – Fluoride (2014)**

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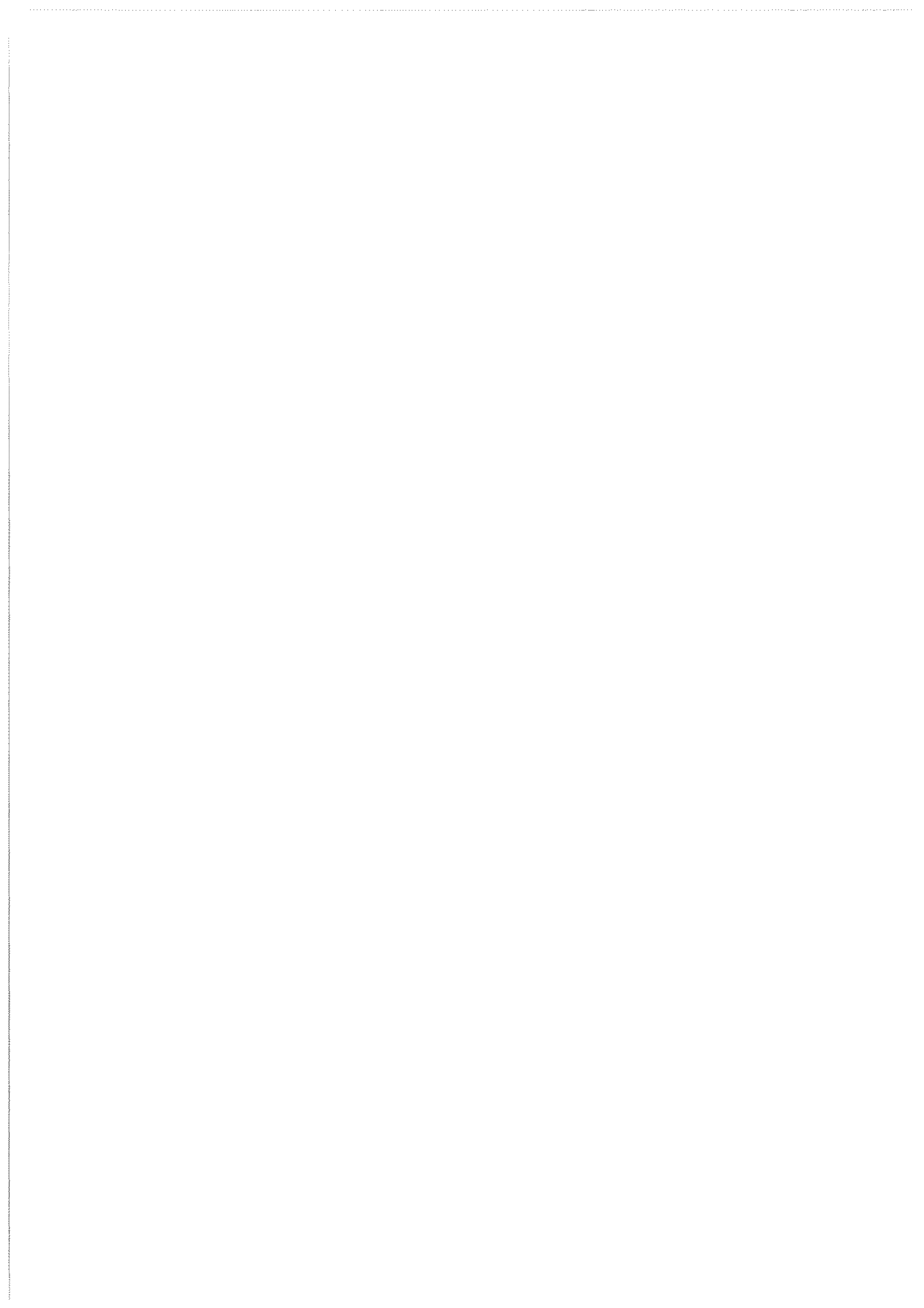
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## Medicines Act Fluoride

to: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 11:58 a.m.

History:

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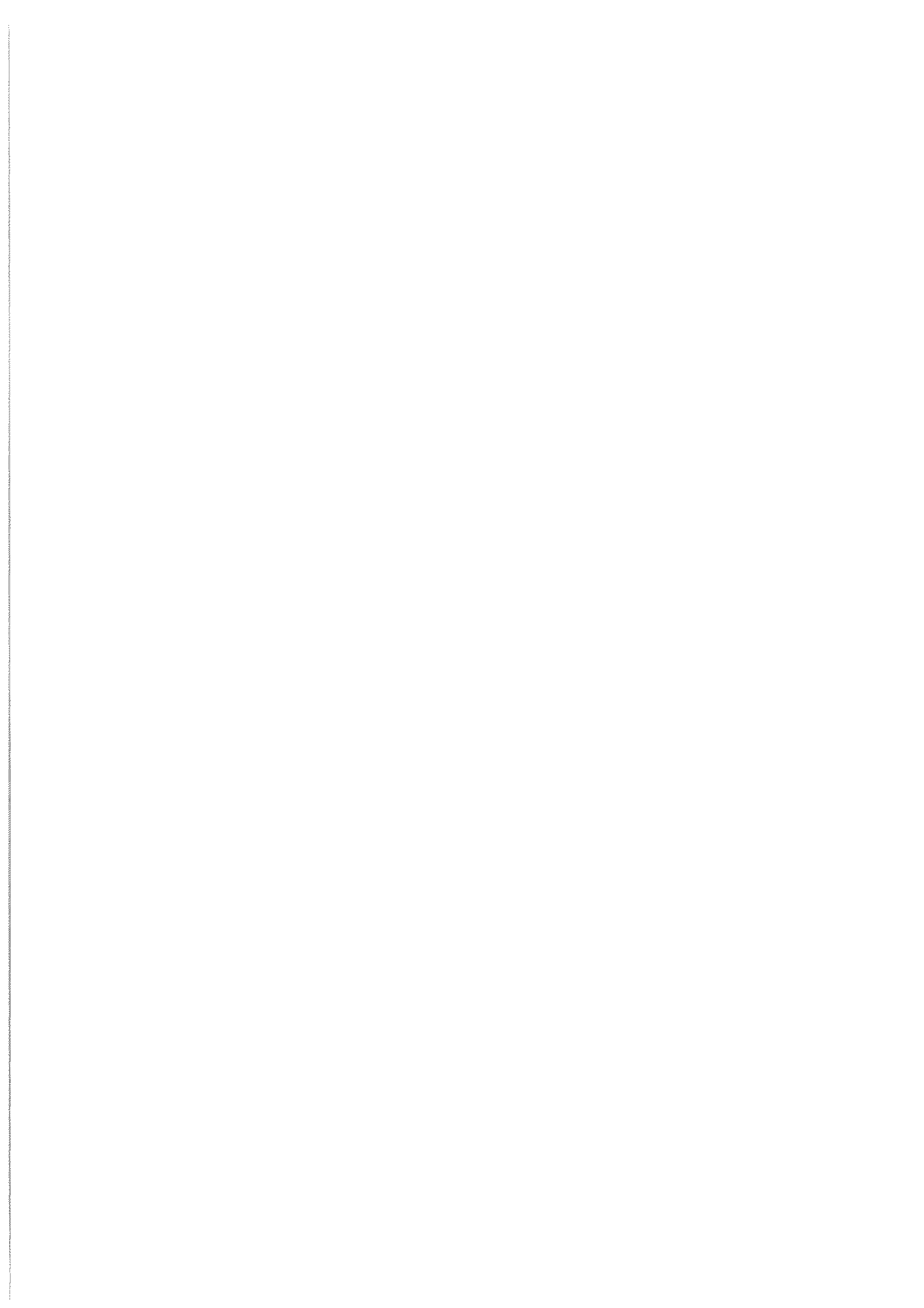
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Yours faithfully





**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)**

to: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 11:59 a.m.

History: This message has been replied to.

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**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations  
under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)**

o: <mailto:askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz>

07/01/2015 12:11 p.m.

History:

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Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 -  
Fluoride (2014)

askmedsafe

07/01/2015 12:14 p.m.

History: This message has been replied to.

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Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 Consultation - Medsafe -  
Clinical Leadership Protection & Regulation - Ministry of Health

o: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 12:39 p.m.

History:

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It has long been known that Fluoride is added to our water for the benefit of "our health" this is common knowledge and a simple sample survey of New Zealander's could provide abundant proof to this statement. More importantly it is also common knowledge that Fluoride is added to our water supply to help with our teeth.. i.e. Fluoride added to our common water supply is targeted at a particular area of public health. So it should be obvious that if this situation does not meet the definition of 'medicine' then this will ultimately allow the public to challenge the current 'health' industry and allow alternative treatments into the New Zealand market that are then not classified as 'medicines' using the same logic. The proposed double standard in New Zealand(NZ) law will cost far too much for the relative benefit gained.. so why do it?

3. The Medicines Act is designed to protect people from the risk of indiscriminate use of medicines, reflecting the ethical codes of health professionals to "first do no harm". Fluoride (in this vague definition of it) is found in very high amounts in common table salt in New Zealand, in fact the NZ population are currently getting high doses of Fluoride from their food supply right now, however the ministry of health has failed to

do the studies to confirm this, therefore the act of adding Fluoride to NZ common water supply is in grave error. In fact there are other supplies of Fluoride (like compounds) that the average or common New Zealander is exposed to that should be brought forward and facts should be presented to the public, assuming the ministry of health was following its mandate to educate the public against current health risks, i.e. the average New Zealander is already consuming too much fluoride right now.. but the average New Zealander is NOT being made aware of this. This is largely due to the fact that Fluoride is added to the common water supply (rather than allowing the end user to add the medicine as they see fit), so most of the food production and processing industry is also using this fluoridated water or water that has medicine in it, much of the water used in food processing is condensed down in an evaporative process leading to an obvious increase in the percentage of Fluoride remaining in the food product. Again this is an obvious oversight from the ministry of health.

4. The proposed amendment would effectively remove the safety precaution protecting people from harm thereby undermining the right of every New Zealander to be safe from the indiscriminate use of medicines

5. The proposed amendment assumes that the common water supply is used only by end consumers, this is in grave error, more verifiable information NEEDS to be produced detailing the end amounts of Fluoride based compounds that the end consumer is actually consuming after the medicine/compound has gone right through our food supply industry.

6. The entire process used here by the Ministry of Health is in error. Basic errors in logic have led to a situation where a minority of opinion has taken authority over the majority of will. We live in New Zealand and this is considered a country run on democratic principles, I would like to demonstrate that this action is not in that keeping. There is only one solution to the question of fluoridation of the New Zealand common water supply and that is to allow the end user to control their own medication, i.e. to allow the end user to control their 'dose' of medicine is the only way that provides for every persons free will in this regard. This is clearly not obvious to the Ministry of Health and it should be, I am asking for the opportunity to present my argument to the people concerned.

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**CORRECTION Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)**

From: askmedsafe

Date: 07/01/2015 12:40 p.m.

History: This message has been replied to.

Please disregard previous submission. Use this one.

On 7/01/2015, at 12:22 pm,

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**NO. I do not** support the proposed amendment because:

Justice Collins' interpretation of the Regulations is incorrect as: his basis on the definition of 'medicine' within the meaning of the Act is woefully misguided and would exempt drugs such as Botox (see below) therefore adding fluoridated substances to the public water supply falls within the Act.

Furthermore:

1. Fluoridated substances such as hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFA) and sodium silico fluoride (SSF) are intended to be ingested and are therefore **not** a water treatment like chlorine
2. Fluoridated substances such as hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFA) and sodium silico fluoride (SSF) (Fluoride) are added to the water as treatment for the disease of dental caries therefore it is a medicine. Yet these flouridated substances are not made up to medicine standards, nor have they passed standard medical trials for safety. In fact, these substances are a by-produce of industrial processes which are know n to be contaminated with known poisons such as arsenic. Further, unlike medicines, they are not subject to controls as to source and purity - China is growing in importance as a source for flouridated substances, which known lax toxicity controls.

It would be a flagrant breach of the Ministry's duty of care to public health and safety to exempt flouridated compounds.

3. The Medicines Act is designed to protect people from the risk of indiscriminate use of medicines, reflecting the ethical codes of health professionals to “first do no harm”. The Ministry is aware of the body of evidence from international studies plus the fact that most of the world does not add fluoridated substances to their water supply that the indiscriminate, uncontrolled fluoridation of water is unethical because it is ineffective. The majority of US population drinks fluoridated water, yet 16% of children aged 6-19 present with dental caries, and 24% of adults aged 20-64 present caries. In UK, dental caries occurs around 25% in children and 33% in adults (<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/dental-decay/Pages/Introduction.aspx>). Adding fluoridated substances clearly is failing to work. Broadly, the decline in rates of DMFT (tooth decay) has declined in all developed countries irrespective of whether fluoride has been added to water or salt.

From the Ministry's own figures (2012: Age 5 and Year 8 oral health data from the Community Oral Health Service) the case is far from clear cut. The figures support a cautious approach as the differences in DMFT are not sufficiently large to support unequivocally the claim that water fluoridation is a factor in improving dental health of 5 year olds. Furthermore, it is well-established that fluoridation contributes nothing to the health of adult dentition.

The case for topical, controlled fluoridation is therefore an option that should be pursued by the Ministry. To exempt fluoridated substances

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**Justice David Collins bases his conclusion on the low concentration of fluoride in drinking water, that because the intended concentration is less than 10mg/l it could well be exempt. He is ignorant that, for example, medicines such as Botox are used at concentrations of under 1ng per 100 units. By the reasoning of the learned Judge, botulinum would be also exempt because it is administered at a threshold far lower than that in the Regulations.**

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Signed



Submission to consultation under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)

askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz

07/01/2015 12:48 p.m.

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## Fluoride submission

mailto:askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz

07/01/2015 12:51 p.m.

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Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 Consultation

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Ministry of Health

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Wellington 6145

**Email to:** [askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz](mailto:askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz)

God loved the birds and invented trees. Man loved the birds and invented cages.

~Jacques Deval, *Afin de vivre bel et bien*





**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations  
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**Submission to Consultation on Proposed Amendment to Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 – Fluoride (2014)**

TO: Ministry of Health PO Box 5013 Wellington 6145

Reference: Regulations under the Medicines Act 1981 Consultation Medsafe Clinical Leadership Protection & Regulation

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**Further more** Fluoride and its compounds are not used to ‘treat’ community water supplies. The community’s water has fluoride compounds added to it not to treat the water but to provide medication to people.

**I do not support mass medication of the population**, in a *truly* democratic country we should be able to reserve the right of choice.

**Article 12. United Nations Declaration on Human Rights:**

- No one shall be subjected to arbitrary interference with his privacy, family, home or correspondence, nor to attacks upon his honour and reputation. Everyone has the right to the protection of the law against such interference or attacks.

*Oxford Dictionary: Arbitrary – derived from mere opinion or random choice; capricious; unrestrained; despotic.*

I consider mass medication as an **interference** with my family and home, which would be, if allowed to occur, unrestrained and **despotic**.

New Zealand is a signatory to the Declaration on Human Rights, which was written after the Second World War to guard against *fascism* in the future of human civilization.



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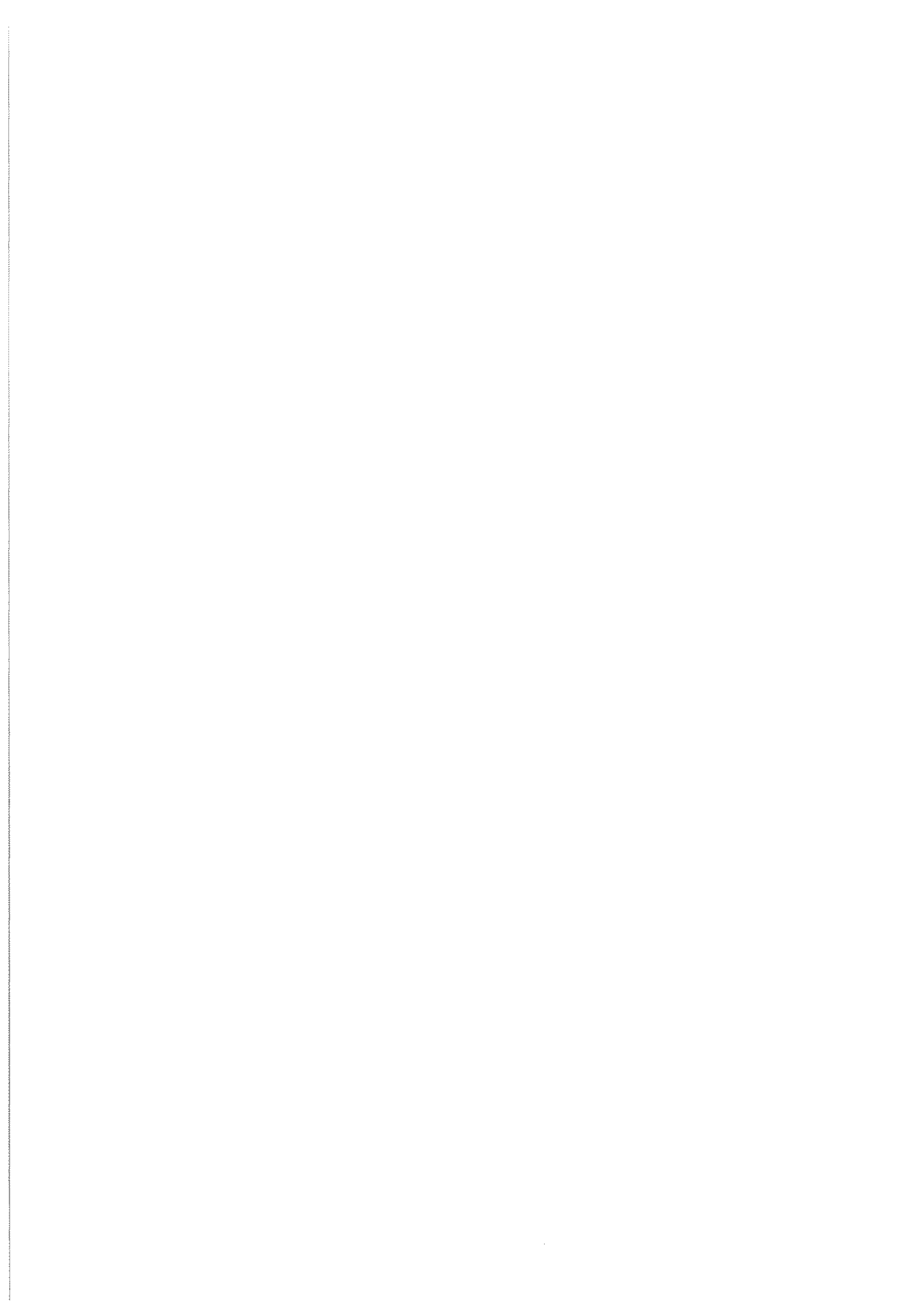
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## Email Newsletter

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Happy New Year everyone.

We are starting the new year with a big challenge.

We have only until Friday to contribute to the consultation the Government is undertaking with regard to the Ministry of Health's proposal to exempt fluoridation chemicals, hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFA) and sodium silico fluoride (SSF) from being subject to the Medicines Act. That leaves only tonight and two more days to get a submission in.

We need as many people as possible to put in a submission, no matter how small. All submissions are counted so taking a few minutes to fill out the form and send in is very worthwhile. See <http://fluoridefree.org.nz/urgent-moh-try-exempt-fluoride-chemicals/> for instructions.

The Ministry of Health claim they are doing this to give clarity, but since we already have a judicial system that is there to provide clarity to the law, there is no need for them to do that. In fact, the Government stepping in and overriding the judicial system whenever it does not suit them is a slippery slope that should concern all New Zealanders. We believe the real reason for this drastic action can only be that the Ministry of Health knows that these chemicals, when used for the purpose of fluoridation, will be considered to be medicines when New Health New Zealand takes the case to the Appeal Court in a few months time.

In October last year, Judge Collins found that HFA and SSF satisfied all the key elements of a medicine in that they are used for a therapeutic purpose and they achieve their intended action on the human body by a pharmacological means. He then incorrectly concluded that since they are added at a level less than 10 mg/L (10ppm) that they are not classified



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: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 01:33 p.m.

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**Additional comments:**

There has already been a legal ruling that substances hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFA) and sodium silico fluoride (SSF) ARE medicines.

I submit that fluoride has a profound impact on the human body and that each person has the right to decide whether they ingest it or not. For this reason, I oppose water fluoridation and submit that it is better for it to be made available in the form of tablets, to those who want it. That way everybody gets to choose. This proposed regulation is a blatant attempt to override people’s right to choose what goes into their bodies, and is totally unacceptable.

I can supply my list of 15 reasons why fluoride should not be added to the water supply if required. But since that is not relevant to this particular question, I won’t take up your time with irrelevant information. All that is relevant at this time is to object to our government (who I remind you works for the people, not vice versa) wishing to take away our rights of choice.

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*Nutrition Consultant and certified Natural Health Practitioner*





**Fluoride**

askmedsafe@moh.govt.nz

07/01/2015 01:35 p.m.

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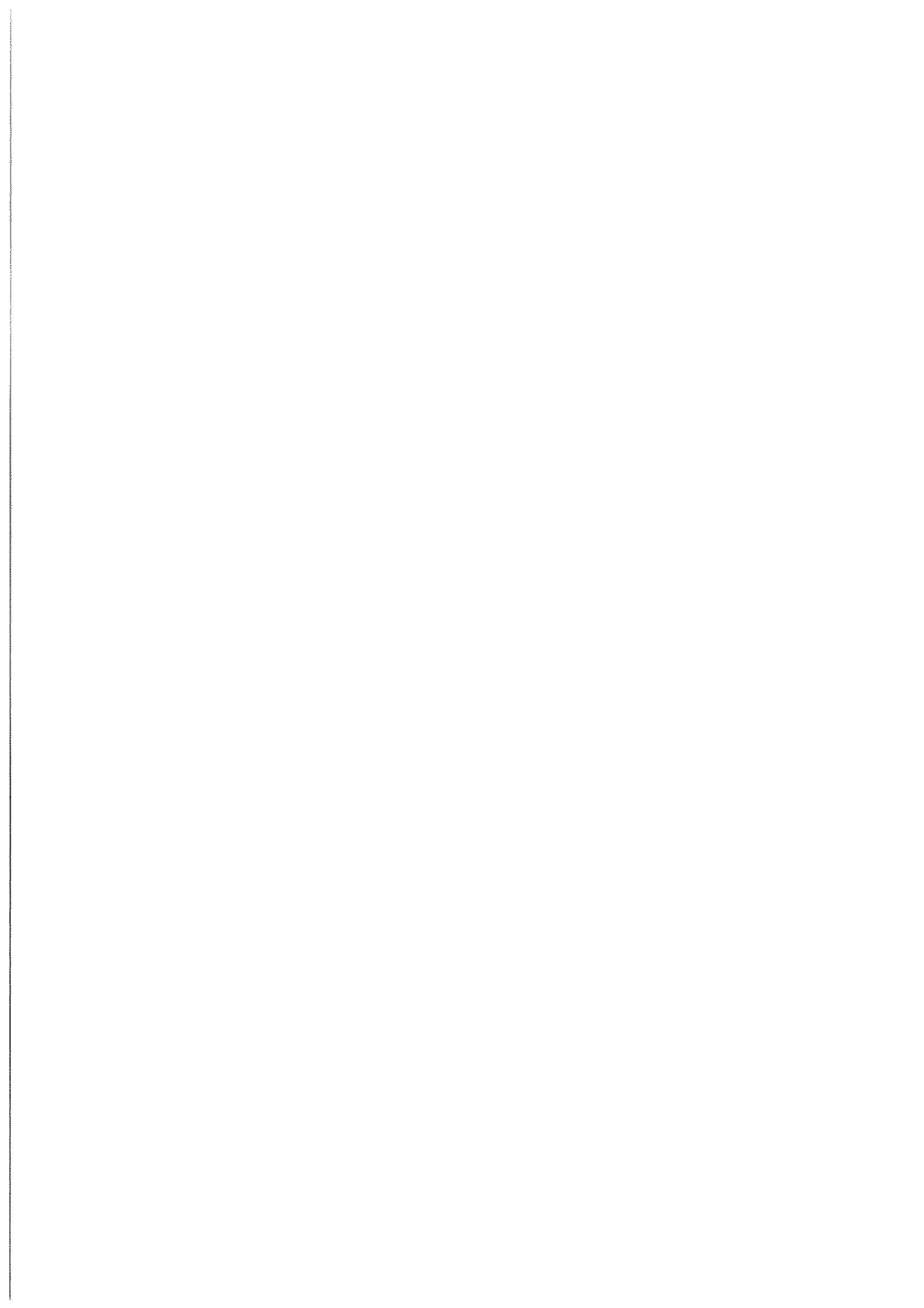
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I write to oppose the proposal to exempt compounds used to fluoridate public water supplies from the Medicine Act for the following reasons:-

1. They are used to treat a medical condition, dental caries, therefore they are a medicine and should remain under the Act
2. There is no informed consent therefore it is not allowed under the UN Human Rights Declaration and several other protocols and declarations.
3. Removal would mean no control on the use of one of the most toxic chemicals, fluoride, both on it's own and in combination with other toxic chemicals like Cadmium, Arsenic, Lead etc. that are contained in the compound derived from the fertilizer industry.

I wish to speak to any meeting discussing this topic.

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under the Medicines Act 1981 - Fluoride (2014)

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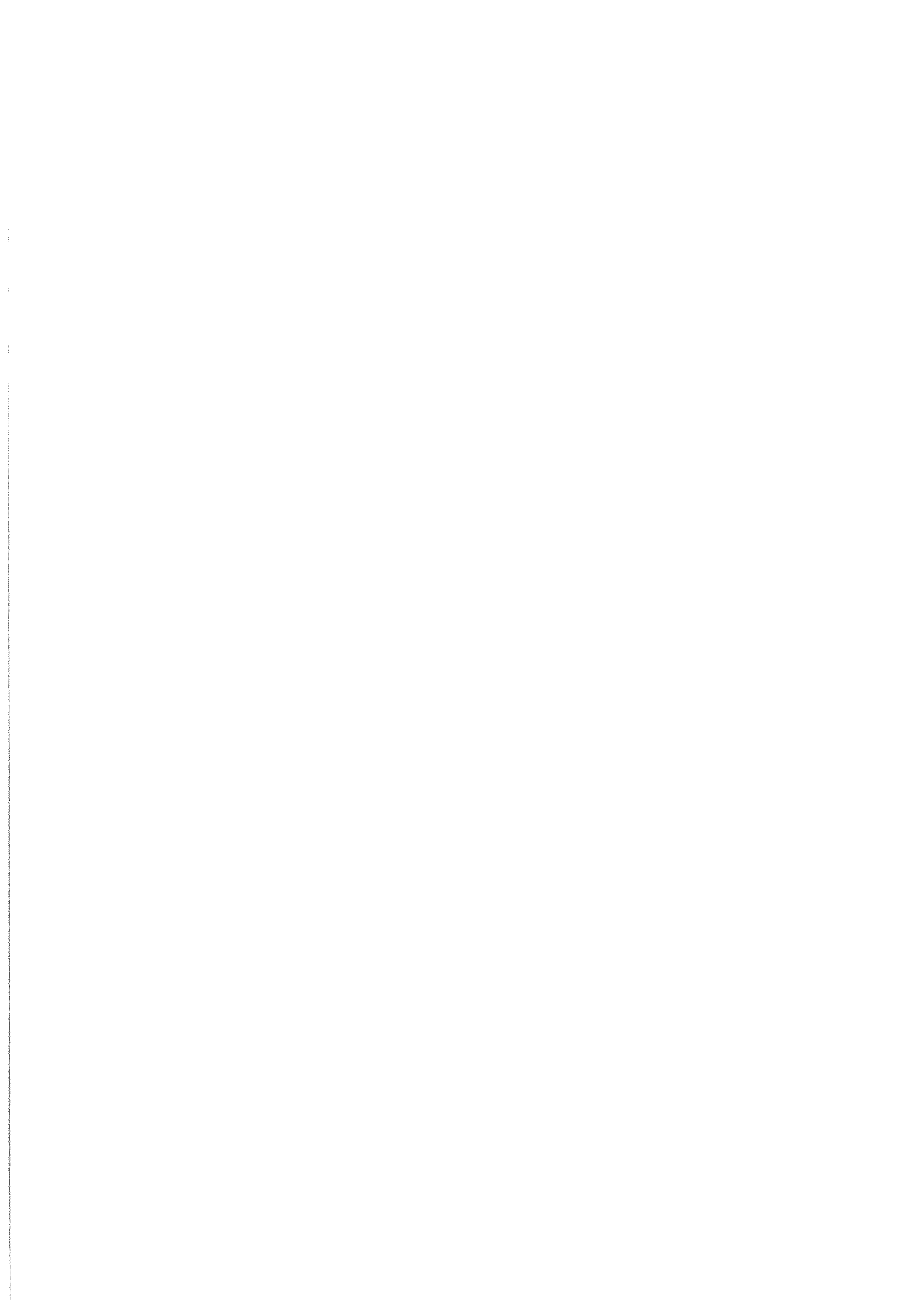
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## SUBMISSION FORM

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If this submission is made on behalf of an organisation, please name that organisation here:	
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Your interest in this topic (for example, local body, consumer, manufacturer, health professional etc):	Concerned Hawke's Bay resident
<p><b>Question 1</b></p> <p><i>Do you support the proposed amendment? If not, why not?</i></p>	<p>No.</p> <p>Please be aware that the wording in your following statement of the discussion paper is incorrect and misleading:</p> <p>“The proposed amendment would have the effect of providing legal clarity that the fluoride substances used <u>to treat drinking water</u> are not medicines.”</p> <p>This is a fundamental mistake and misconception</p>

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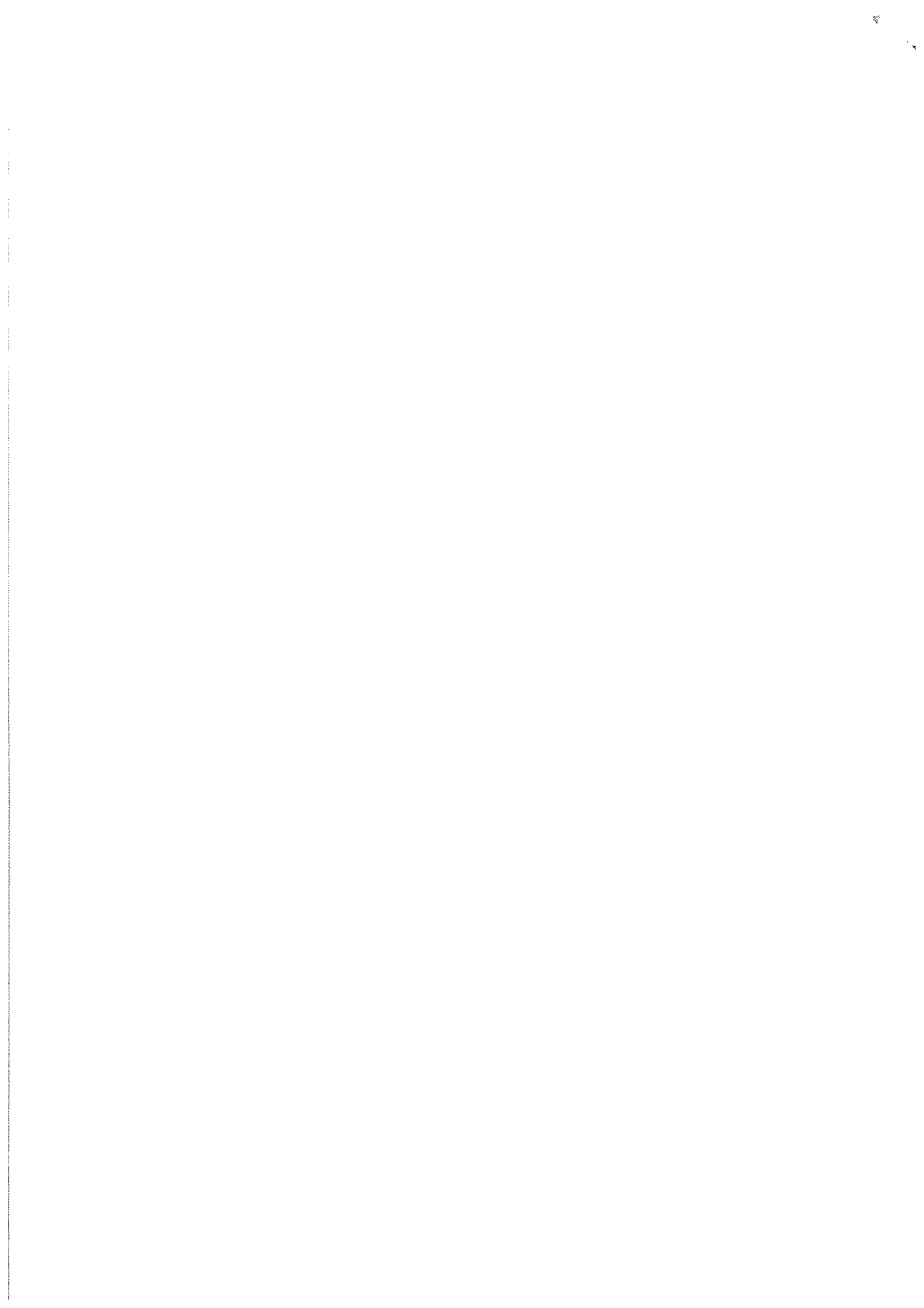
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From: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 01:54 p.m.

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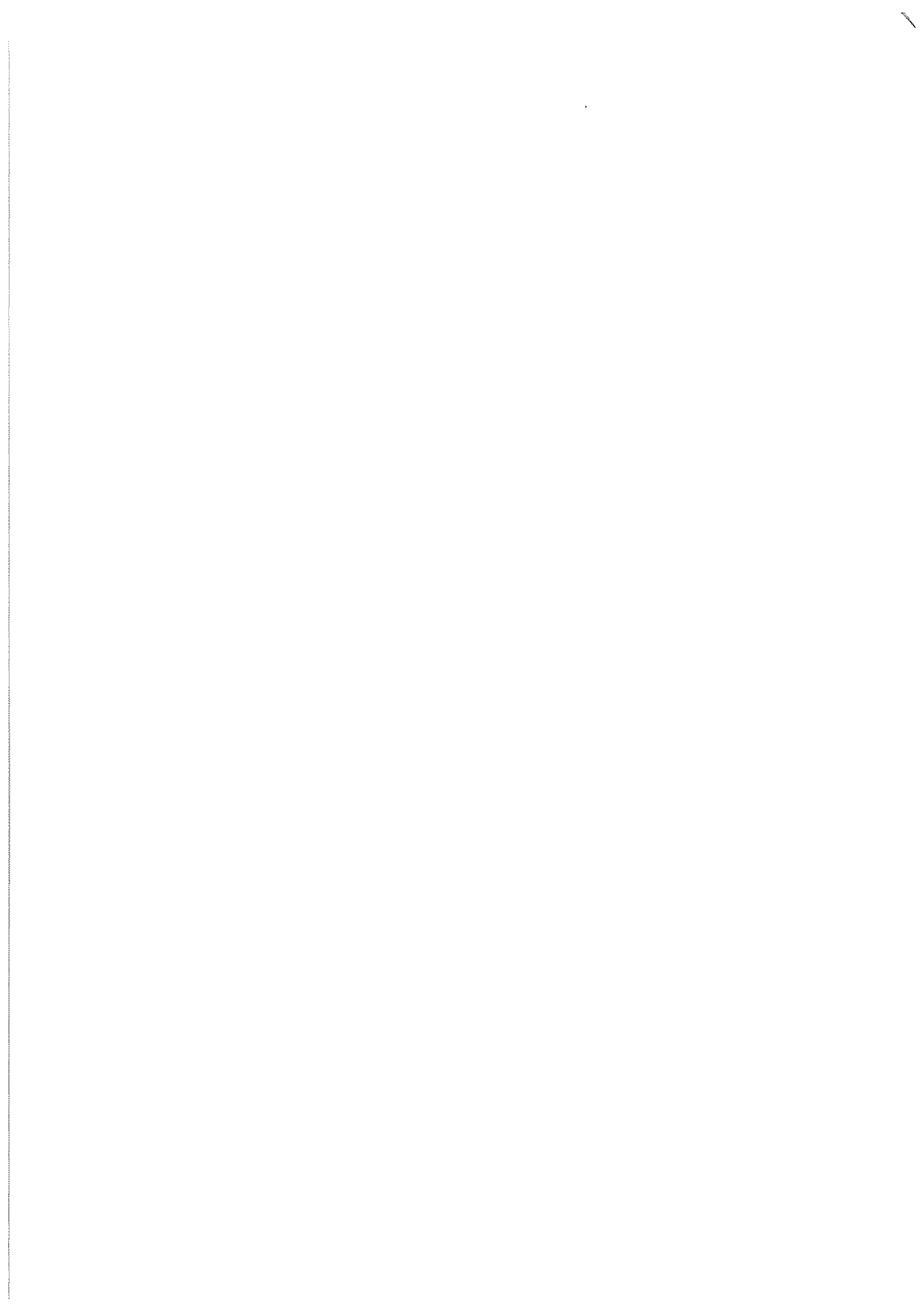
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Kind regards

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to: askmedsafe

07/01/2015 02:08 p.m.

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