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## PETITION FOR THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF THE CHLORINATION OF BUSSELTON'S WATER SUPPLY

To the President and Members of the Legislative Council of the Parliament of Western Australia in Parliament assembled.

We the undersigned residents of Western Australia respectfully request that the Legislative Council *take immediate action* on this *Petition*. Petition 79, *our former petition* containing *5532 signatures* was tabled on 26 June 2010, *prior to the chlorination* of our water supply. *Since the chlorination* of our water supply there is *significant distress, illness and injury to the community*. Our community has enjoyed *106 years of chemical free water without ill effect* and *vehemently oppose* Busselton Water (Board and Executive) *imposing chlorine* and other toxic chemicals on it *under the guise of public health*.

Busselton Water's (BW) public comments that *"This decision is too important for the community to decide"* and its failure to involve the community in decisions related to the treatment of their water supply *ignores the recommendations of the 2004 and subsequent 2011 Australian Drinking Water Guidelines*. This stance: denies natural justice; withholds human rights; and contradicts the many international treaties enacted to protect individual's rights on matters impacting their health and wellbeing, treaties to which Australia is a signatory.

Your petitioners respectfully request the Legislative Council *call on the Minister for Water to direct BW to immediately cease chlorination, reinstate the UV disinfection systems and recommence the previous disinfection schedule*. We ask that this be done *pending a Parliamentary Inquiry* because *since the chlorination* of our water supply *hundreds of people have medical conditions* from *ingestion of or exposure to the chlorinated water*. We ask that the Parliamentary Inquiry investigation include:

- the validity of a case study that detected *Naegleria fowleri* in cooling ponds and downstream from a nuclear power plant in France as an appropriate comparison to Busselton's ground water and closed reticulation system as the underpinning justification that there is a high risk of the pathogen entering the water supply;
- the soundness of the risk assessment analysis, findings and reports of Consultants Hunter Water Australia;
- the merit of replacing the UV systems with chlorination plants when many pathogens are chlorine resistant;
- the merit in using a disinfection remedy to rectify possible engineering hazards in the reticulation system;
- the health risks of adding chlorine and other toxins to our specific water supply with its unique water chemistry;

As with Petition 79 we ask that if an expansion of the UV system alone is *proven* to be inadequate that it be *augmented by a health supportive alternative*. And your petitioners as in duty bound, will ever pray.

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