



Report on presentation to council February 2008

The Heburn Shire Council invited Mary Sakara of Wombat Water Watch to present at the briefing session on the 5th of February 2008.

The briefing was well attended by Cr Hayes, Councillors Heather Mutimer, David Smith, Janine Booth, Bill McClenaghan, Environmental Health Officer Andrew Jalanski, and acting Corporate Officer Martin Walmsley. The CEO was absent.

Mary Sakara - representing Wombat Water Watch and concerned members of the community - gave a ten minute power point presentation on the history of fluoride and on the latest studies and reports available. Chris Ewan, an independent water consultant from Ballarat, spoke on water quality and filtration. Both were able to give extensive information in the 20-minute time frame allocated and answer the many questions that the Mayor and Counsellors put to them. Cr Hayes thanked them for the information supplied, as now they could weigh up the information given to them by both Mary and Chris and the The Department of Human Services, who gave their presentation to council last year in 2007.

When asked would the Council represent the 'Community Will' to State Government on the fluoridation of Hepburn Shire issue, Cr Hayes replied that Council had not adopted a position on the issue. Heather Mutimer added "Councillors have their individual opinions but not Council as a whole."

Cr Hayes added that he wanted adequate consultation between the Community and the State Government.