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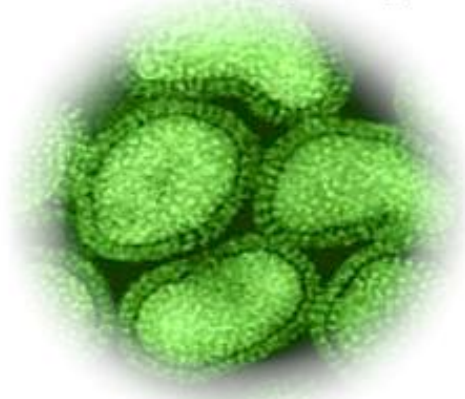
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"Hundreds of thousands of people are dying around the world each year from the effects of the use, or misuse, of pesticides" (Konradsen, et al., 2003). **"Most tragically, suffering, illness and disease surround us today in a way we would not have imagined a half century ago. We have banished some diseases only to have them replaced by a grumbling yet profound toxicity which is stripping our children of their rightful future"** (Donohoe, 1998:38).

BUT THE PROBLEM IS MUCH WORSE THAN THIS. IN THE WORKPLACE, IN OUR HOMES, ON THE FARM & IN THE WIDER ENVIRONMENT, PESTICIDE-INDUCED MISCARRIAGES, ADHD, CANCERS, MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE, INFERTILITY & ANIMAL DISEASE EPIDEMICS SHOW WE ARE STANDING ON THE EDGE OF A CASCADE OF GLOBAL *DISEASE PANDEMICS*. WE ARE LITERALLY "MONITORING OUR OWN EXTINCTION" (Prof. Stuart Hill, 1999, pers. comm.).

THIS ESSAY (previously sent out worldwide as a letter) ADDRESSES OUR PROFOUND NEGLECT IN TERMS OF GOOD SCIENCE THROUGH EXAMINING LONGTERM CHEMICAL EXPOSURE EVENTS IN SYDNEY & POSITING WIDER RAMIFICATIONS: A GLOBAL, CHEMICALLY-SPONSORED *EXTINCTION LEVEL EVENT*.

Professor Wai-on Phoon, A.M., M.B., B.S., F.R.C.P., (London, Edin. & Glasgow), F.F.P.H., F.R.A.C.P., F.F.O.M., Hon.F.A.C.O.M., Hon.F.A.F.O.M., D.I.H., D.C.H., D.I.H.S.A., F.R.F.P.S., F.A.F.R.M., F.A.M.S., Occupational & Rehabilitation Consultant, Emeritus Professor of Occupational Health, has described this letter as "well-researched and interesting", and the problem addressed by this letter as one of "an appalling nonchalance about the possible ill effects on human health from toxic exposures in the general and work environments" (Prof. Wai-on Phoon, Letter, 12 December 2008).

Dr. Chris M. Reading, B.Sc., Dip.Agr.Sc., M.B., B.S., F.R.A.N.Z.C.P., F.A.C.N.E.M., Environmental & Orthomolecular Psychiatrist, has described this letter as an "excellent article" (Dr. Chris Reading, Letter, 31 December 2008).

The Australian Human Rights Commission noted in response to this letter "[we have] in the past inquired into complaints from people with sensitivities where agencies have undertaken policies that exacerbates their conditions" (Elizabeth Green, Australian Human Rights Commission, Letter, 19 December 2008).

The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) has investigated my complaint and "has informed the Golf Club that under the Pesticides Act 1999, Sections 7 and 10, it is obliged to take note of neighbours' concerns and take some action in response to them..." (Penny Finlay, Environmental Protection and Regulation, Department of Environment and Conservation NSW, Letter, 1 December 2008).

The Office of Louise Markus, M.P. (Federal Member for Greenway) was investigating my complaint, but then suddenly stopped (including answering my letters).

The SOMA Health Association of Australia Newsletter has stated in response to this letter: "We have received a most impressive set of papers describing the predicament a family find themselves in as a result of environmental contamination... As Murray Thompson's research wisely points out – chemical contamination targets the brain... If the brain is not centred or balanced correctly, then behaviour is out of kilter" (SOMA Newsletter: *Nutritional & Environmental Medicine*, SOMA Health Association of Australia, Vol. 30, Number 3, April 2009).

The Journal of the Australian Chemical Trauma Alliance (participating member of the National Toxics Network) has reprinted the above SOMA Newsletter article in its entirety.

The Union of Concerned Scientists thanked me for the comments and ideas expressed in this letter (Laura McKusick, Union of Concerned Scientists, Letter, 5 January 2009).

My name is Murray Thompson. I graduated top of my Degree in Applied Science Environmental Health at the University of Western Sydney, Hawkesbury (Award for Best Overall Graduating Student, Australian Institute of Environmental Health, NSW Division). I have First Class Honours in Social Ecology. Currently I am doing a PhD in Sociology. I am also one of many *POISONED PEOPLE* (including my pesticide poisoned child) dealing with a raft of pesticide poisoning symptoms that have devastated my life.

THE EXPOSURE OF MY PREVIOUSLY CHEMICAL-SENSITIZED SON ALONG WITH OTHER SYDNEY RESIDENTS TO REPEATED SPRAY APPLICATIONS OF TOXIC HERBICIDE FEATURES HERE AS A SPECIFIC MEDICAL CONCERN. I ALSO ADDRESS THE SCANDALOUSLY GENERAL & WORLDWIDE PROBLEM OF A PROFOUND LACK OF ADEQUATE REGULATORY CONTROLS IN PESTICIDE USAGE, AS WELL AS THE ENDEMIC DISMISSIVE ATTITUDE OF AUTHORITIES & PRIVATE PESTICIDE USERS ALIKE TO CURRENT TOXICOLOGICAL CONCERNS.

THIS ESSAY ASKS THOSE WITH AN INTEREST IN THE VIABILITY OF THE HUMAN RACE & OUR GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT TO COMMENT & OFFER THEIR SERVICES: TO STUDY THE POTENTIALS OF THIS MULTI-FACETED GLOBAL ISSUE OF: THE CHEMICAL PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DESTRUCTION, ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR, DISEASE & DEATHS. WE NEED AN INTEGRATED RESPONSE FROM POLITICIANS, EDUCATORS, OMBUDSMAN, POLICE, EPA, APVMA, AGRICULTURE, WILDLIFE PROFESSIONALS, NATIONAL PARKS, THE LEGAL SYSTEM, AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL, & MEDICAL & OTHER AUTHORITIES WHOSE EXPERTISE INTERSECTS THIS VAST ISSUE.

THESE CARETAKERS OF OUR FOOD PRODUCTION, PUBLIC UTILITIES, SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS, PUBLIC HEALTH REGIMES, HUMAN RIGHTS, ANIMAL WELFARE & DEEPER ECOLOGICAL SENSITIVITIES NEED TO DILIGENTLY WORK TOGETHER TO ADDRESS THIS AREA OF INSTITUTIONALIZED NEGLECT & DYSFUNCTION USING READILY AVAILABLE, QUALITY SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH THAT DESCRIBES FRIGHTENINGLY WELL THE MEASURE & INTENSITY OF THIS GLOBAL TOXICOLOGICAL PROBLEM.

A FORUM INVOLVING ALL THESE PARTIES IS DEMANDED BY THE SEVERITY OF THE ISSUE OF WIDESPREAD & ONGOING MASS POISONING! WE NEED TO GENERATE INCREASED UNDERSTANDING, IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS & AN INTELLIGENT VIEW OF ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC HEALTH.

This letter/essay (as an earlier and slightly less developed version) has been sent to: *over 250 recipients GLOBALLY*. See the end of this letter for a full address listing.

To all who may be interested in an issue intrinsically more devastating than CLIMATE CHANGE. This subject crosses all frameworks and concerns, and addresses the monumental issue of the survival of all life on earth. It is the AGRICULTURAL, PUBLIC HEALTH, TOXICOLOGICAL, EPIDEMIOLOGICAL, ETHICAL/HUMAN RIGHTS/SOCIAL JUSTICE, ANIMAL RIGHTS/ANIMAL CRUELTY, LEGAL, OH&S, CHEMICAL TRESPASS/CRIMINAL ASSAULT, WORKPLACE SAFETY, PESTICIDE PERMIT/REGULATORY, MEDICAL, INJURY/REHABILITATION & ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE OF CAPRICIOUS, INDEPENDENT AND IRRESPONSIBLE PESTICIDE USE.

THE CONSEQUENCE OF WHICH IS CHEMICAL POISONING ON A GLOBAL SCALE AND A MOVEMENT TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF NORMAL REPRODUCTIVITY AND LIFE ON EARTH. It is a matter that needs addressing now, because otherwise, and without profound change, we are sentient and yet blind 'caretakers' stampeding an entire planet toward a morbid technologically-induced devastation, brutally failing an enlightened intellectual concern for readily available scientific research and its exposition of CHEMICAL CAUSE & EFFECT!

MORE LOCALLY IN TERMS OF THIS MORBIDITY, & TO DEMONSTRATE A REALTIME, PHYSICAL CONTEXT, MY SON & I WERE REPEATEDLY POISONED BY PESTICIDES (in 2000 & 2001 in Public Housing) & THEN FURTHER EXPOSED TO HERBICIDES (from 2003 on in terms of herbicide sprayed by a golf club). YET THOSE WHO ULTIMATELY FORMATTED THESE EVENTS APPEAR NOT TO CARE, & HAVE ONLY REACTED ASSERTIVELY TO LEGAL ACTION & REPROACHES BY ENVIRONMENTAL & POLITICAL PRESSURE ACTING ON MY BEHALF. 'LITTLE' PEOPLE DON'T MATTER IT SEEMS IN TERMS OF GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND BIG BUSINESS. MY CHILD AND I BOTH SUFFER LONG TERM POISONING SYMPTOMS THAT WE BATTLE EVERY MINUTE OF EVERY DAY.

Note:

"...pesticides¹ are strongly linked to birth defects... science will not solve this problem for us. Isn't it time to consider a human rights approach, an ethical challenge to the poisoners?... The old science-based strategy has

¹ "Each year an estimated 2.5 million tons of pesticides are applied to agricultural crops worldwide. The amount of pesticide coming in direct contact with or consumed by target pests is an extremely small percentage of the amount applied. In most studies the proportion of pesticides applied reaching the target pest has been found to be less than 0.3%, so 99.7% went 'somewhere else' in the environment (Pimentel, 1995)" (van der Werf, 1996:81). **The pesticides ended up wherever we are!** Note: "During the 1970s and 1980s, increasing numbers of pesticides were found in groundwater (US Environmental Protection Agency, 1977; Cohen et al., 1984; Leistra & Boesten, 1989; Schiavon et al., 1995), causing great concern, as groundwater is a major source for drinking water in many countries. Worries about the movement of pesticides in the atmosphere have arisen during the 1970s and 1980s. Transport and redeposition of pesticides may occur over very long distances, as evidenced by the presence of pesticides in ocean fog (Schomburg & Glotfelty, 1991) and arctic snow (Gregor & Gummer, 1989)... Human pesticide poisonings and illnesses are the highest price paid when pesticides reach non-target areas. It is estimated that there are about 1 million accidental human pesticide poisonings each year in the world, with about 20000 reported deaths (WHO-UNEP, 1989)... Recent evidence indicates that pesticides may damage the immune system (Culliney et al., 1992), and can mimic hormones and may thus disrupt the endocrine system in both humans and animals, causing a variety of disorders (LeBlanc, 1995). Human

failed us. Perhaps a new, precautionary path can get us where we need to go. The precautionary principle says, 'When an activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically'. "

(Montague, 2001)

And, on a Chernobyl and Iraq nuclear note:

"What became evident after the accident was that children who received exposure to Chernobyl fallout, while still in the wombs of their mothers, experienced an elevated risk of developing leukemia by the time of their first birthday^[6,7]. Relevant to this discussion is the fact that a gene mutation occurring in utero is one cause of infant leukemia^[8,9].") In countries where unimpeachable data was collected for levels of fallout deposited in the environment, doses to the population, and the incidence of childhood leukemia, an unmistakable, uniform trend emerged: the studied population of children born during the 18-month period following the accident suffered increased rates of leukemia in their first year of life compared to children born prior to the accident or to those born subsequent to the accident after the level of possible maternal contamination had sufficiently diminished. This was confirmed in five separate studies conducted independently of one another: in Greece^[9], Germany^[10], Scotland^[11], the United States^[12], and Wales^[13]. Again here is evidence that defects are being induced in fetuses that we are told by the radiation protection community are not possible. According to the European Committee on Radiation Risk (ECRR), these results provide unequivocal evidence that the risk model of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP) for infant leukemia is in error by a factor of between 100-fold and 2000-fold, the latter figure allowing for a continued excess incidence of leukemia as the population of children studied continues to age^[6] ...

Further, numerous in vitro and in vivo studies conducted in the last twenty years have proven that uranium is genotoxic (capable of damaging DNA), cytotoxic (poisonous to cells), and mutagenic (capable of inducing mutations)^[27]. These effects are produced either by uranium's radioactivity or its chemistry or a synergistic interaction between the two. These findings lend plausibility to the idea that the observed increased incidence of deformed babies in Iraq is related to depleted uranium munitions^[26]."

(Zimmerman, 2010)

Can I alert you to the fact of a new inclusion on my **POISONED PEOPLE web site**, that being:

http://poisonedpeople.com/index8.html#BACKYARDS_SPRAYED_AGAIN. This section of my website shows multiple photographs taken at the back of my son's Public Housing residence in May 2008 in McQuade Ave., South Windsor, north-west Sydney. **These photos are of a very substantial, unknown and highly questionable green coloured plant spray application (probably HERBICIDE) that has occurred without prior warning to at least 25 households along the west side of the street.** The spray had been directed against my son's and other residents' west-facing back fences situated immediately adjacent to the golf club's east perimeter 2.5m high wire fence line. This spraying had occurred over a period of years **next to peoples' homes despite multiple written requests by me** (see below) **that no herbicide spraying take place in this area because of profound public health concerns.** I collected samples of grass, golf balls, feathers and other items from the 1 meter gap between the club's fence and my son's back fence. All items displayed the green stains. **A previous spraying and likewise extensive killing of grass and weeds occurred in the same location** in (at the very least) 2005 (Photos located on my website at: http://poisonedpeople.com/index8.html#FAMILIES_EXPOSED_MCQUADE_AV). Is this, especially in light of my multiple letters of objection sent over the years, ultimately representative of irresponsible environmental and public health vandalism? ***The Paris Appeal: The International Declaration on Diseases Due to Chemical Pollution*** says:

§9. Whereas, regarding toxicology, a number of these substances or chemicals are hormone-disrupting chemicals (*endocrine disrupters*), that can be *carcinogenic, mutagenic or toxic for reproduction* (CMRs) for human beings, and therefore susceptible to induce cancers, congenital malformations and/or infertility; whereas some of these substances or products can be, among other effects, *allergenic* resulting in chronic respiratory diseases, such as asthma; whereas some are *neurotoxic* chemicals, leading to degenerative diseases of the central nervous system in adult[s]... and to intellectual impairment in children; whereas some are *immunotoxic*, leading to immunodeficiency, particularly in children, causing infections, especially viral infections; whereas pesticides are deliberately spread in large amounts in the environment, while a great number are toxic... for animals and/or human beings and for the environment...

§10. Whereas children are the most vulnerable and exposed to contamination by these pollutants...

§11. Whereas these polluting substances or products can induce diseases in children population, such as those listed in §9; whereas one out of seven children in Europe suffers from asthma, whereas asthma is made worse by city and home pollution; whereas incidence in pediatric cancers has been on the rise for the last 20 years in some industrialized countries; and whereas these considerations all lead to the fact that **Children are now in serious danger...** (IDEA 2006).

I weeded this spray impact area with bare hands for 20 minutes in May 2008 (and which *later* displayed dead grass) before noticing the green spray application. During the following days I demonstrated some new symptoms, such as joint pain, although this appeared to be more an aggravation of knee and hip joint pain already established by my original pesticide exposures². Thankfully, I did not ask my son to help me weed.

health issues such as increased incidence of breast cancer, prostate cancer, testicular cancer, endometriosis, birth defects in the male reproductive tract, and reductions in sperm count have been associated with the presence of endocrine disrupting chemicals in the environment (Hileman, 1994; Davis & Bradlow, 1995; Kelce et al., 1995)" (van der Werf, 1996:83-86). **Dr. Judy Ford says chemicals are a huge issue in terms of the increasing problem of infertility** (Ford, 2008).

² As well, in March 2009 I weeded this same area under the assumption that I was simply removing a temptation for the golf club to spray. However, I was exposed to dust from the weeds' roots (when pulling and throwing the weeds over the back fence

I DO NOT APPRECIATE MY CHILD'S BACK YARD BEING TURNED INTO A CONTAMINATED WASTE SITE BY HERBICIDE SUBSTANCES KNOWN THROUGH PROFESSIONAL SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY TO CAUSE HUMAN INJURY! MY SON IS NOT TO BE TREATED AS INCIDENTAL COLLATERAL DAMAGE, LIKE AN ABUSED ANIMAL USED IN PHARMACEUTICAL TESTING, INSIDE THE GREAT CORPORATE COSMETIC OBSESSION & IMPERATIVE TO REDUCE WEEDS³. HE IS A HUMAN BEING WITH INALIENABLE RIGHTS.

I'VE PUT 17 YEARS+ OF HARD WORK INTO MY CHILD. HE WAS CONCEIVED *BEFORE* I WAS POISONED IN 2000, SO *EPIGENETICALLY*⁴ SPEAKING HE REPRESENTS A MASSIVELY VALUABLE 'INVESTMENT' IN MY LINEAGE, IN ADDITION TO BEING THE MOST PRECIOUS PERSON IN MY LIFE. BUT SOME PEOPLE, INSTITUTIONS, COUNCILS & BUSINESSES USE PESTICIDES *DESPITE* PLEAS FOR A RESPONSIBLE APPROACH TO PUBLIC HEALTH, LET ALONE A NORMAL DESIRE TO BE HEALTHY. THOSE WHO DO NOT CARE ABOUT GOOD SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH & BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS ADD THEIR NAMES TO THE SHOCKING BURDEN OF TECHNO-IGNORANCE THAT IS SITUATED LIKE A BLACK DISEASE ON THIS SMALL PLANET (hence, why I have contacted *Amnesty International*). THEIR ATTITUDES IN VIEWING THIS WORLD ONLY AS A RESOURCE THROUGH WHICH TO BUILD EMPIRES & EXTRACT PROFITS SHOULD BE SEEN AS AN ESSENTIAL PROJECT IN TERMS OF RE-EDUCATION BEFORE ANY HOPE OF PLANETARY REMEDIATION CAN BE ANTICIPATED.

I had contacted and warned the golf club by hardcopy letter 5 times and by email 4 times (over a 3 year period) of, at least, the general nature of pesticide toxicity and, at most (and in most cases), my son's **CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY**⁵ (letters were sent: **May 23rd 2005, January 10th 2006, April 20th 2006, January 25th 2007, May 28th 2007**; emails were sent in May 2008). This sensitivity and debility is due to a prior serious exposure to a pesticide treatment forced on me at my Public Housing unit in 2000 (unrelated to this golf club issue). In this instance, my son and I (and my neighbour) were severely poisoned by a termite pesticide. The golf club finally responded to my letters in mid-2009, but only committed to not spraying *near* my son's backyard! What about the other 24 households? Currently the Office of Louise Markus, M.P. is investigating this issue. Since 2005 (and likely well *before*), spraying repeatedly occurred behind more than 25 homes along McQuade Ave. and Cox Street. **The Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC) also investigated the golf club** after I alerted them to this issue: "DECC has informed the Golf Club that under the Pesticides Act 1999, Sections 7 and 10, it is obliged to take note of neighbours' concerns and take some action in response to them" (Finlay/DECC, 2008). The only 'action' I've noted has been continued spraying over at least a known and documented 3 year period despite my concerns.

HOW ABOUT SOME RESPECT HERE FOR THOSE NEIGHBOURS, INCLUDING MY SON?? HOW CAN SOMEONE SO YOUNG, WHO IS TREATED AS HAVING NO VALUE & NO BASIC RIGHT TO A SECURE ENVIRONMENT & OPTIMAL HEALTH, GROW UP EXPERIENCING DIGNITY IF SOCIETY DOES NOT DEMONSTRATE THIS ETHICAL PROPERTY

for later binning). The outcome of inhaling dust from this previously sprayed area was the development of **severe chest pain** as I was actually weeding (very rapid onset). I had to stop. I think it was within a day or two that I then developed **aggravated (resident) joint pains from my previous 2000/2001 exposure at my public housing unit, and new joint pains (hands and elbows), severe abdominal pain, elevated sore throat, persistent or clinging chest congestion, profound impact on my vocal chords and asthma, severe headache and neck pain, a persistent head cold, and extremely irritated skin**. These elevated and new symptoms lasted – in part – for over 2 weeks following exposure, with some very persistent symptoms still presenting in May 2009.

³ "Presently, there are 72 municipalities in Canada that have implemented by-laws restrictions or have banned outright the cosmetic use of pesticides. These include West Vancouver, Port Moody and Gibsons in BC, and Toronto, Halifax, Montreal, and all of the province of Quebec. Also, Vancouver, North Vancouver, Cumberland and New Westminster all have by-laws drafted but not yet fully in force" (<http://www.ncap.kics.bc.ca/8pesticides.html>; accessed: 6 Nov. 2008).

⁴ "There is far more to genetics than the sequence of building blocks in the DNA molecules that make up our genes and chromosomes. The "more" is known as epigenetics. Epigenetics... refers to all modifications to genes other than changes in the DNA sequence itself. Epigenetic modifications include addition of molecules, like methyl groups, to the DNA backbone. Adding these groups changes the appearance and structure of DNA, altering how a gene can interact with important interpreting (transcribing) molecules in the cell's nucleus" (The Johns Hopkins University, 2002). Also: "What's surprising is that scientists are now revealing that these environmental effects can be passed from one generation to the next by a process called "epigenetics," with far-reaching implications for human health. Epigenetics is showing that environmental influences can be inherited – even without any mutations in the genes themselves^[1] - and may continue to influence the onset of diseases like diabetes, obesity, mental illness and heart disease, from generation to generation. In other words, **the cancer you get today may have been caused by your grandmother's exposure to an industrial poison 50 years ago**, even though your grandmother's genes were not changed by the exposure.^[1] Or the mercury you're eating today in fish may not harm you directly, but may harm your grandchildren... The development of epigenetics also greatly complicates toxicity testing, and chemical risk assessment. ...risk assessors will have to acknowledge that - so far as epigenetics is concerned - they are flying blind... Of course all this new information makes the control of toxic chemicals even more important than previously thought. The health of future generations is at stake" (Montague, 2005. [Montague's ^[1] endnote: "Here we define a genetic mutation as a change in the sequence of nucleotide bases (C,A,T,G). We recognize that epigenetic changes are heritable changes to the DNA, but they are not sequence changes"). The above makes chemical engineering all the more the worst 'invention' in human history, but certainly the 'best' and most comprehensive, silent and subtle way to destroy a planet, with most people not being aware its happening, and with industry profits, tied as they are to industrial innovation, suppressing all attempts to enlighten people to the scope of the problem!

⁵ "Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS) is a clinical phenomenon in which individuals, after acute or intermittent exposure to one or more chemicals, commonly organophosphate pesticides (OPs), become overly sensitive to a wide variety of chemically-unrelated compounds..." (Overstreet, et al., 1996). "The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recently recognized chemical sensitivity as a symptom of Chronic Fatigue Syndrome" (Mindfully.org 2007, citing: Centers for Disease Control (CDC), 2006).

THROUGH PHYSICAL EXAMPLE? (Does this remind anyone of other, more *indigenous* issues?) DANGEROUS PESTICIDES NOT ONLY WRECK THE ENVIRONMENT, DEGRADE HUMAN HEALTH & INTELLECTUAL POTENTIAL, & MASSACRE THE QUALITY OF THE VICTIM'S PERSONALITY THROUGH NEUROLOGICAL IMPACT (see below), THEIR USE CHEAPENS & DEMEANS THE CHARACTER OF THE *USERS*⁶ WHO EXPRESS AN UNINFORMED & WEAK-WILLED DEPENDENCY ON THE CHEMICAL AGENTS USED! **WE ALL LOSE WHEN DRUG ADDICTS USE! Yes, drug dependencies extend to weed/pest paranoia or weed cosmetics 'OCD', & even to the vast advertising focus on popular cleaning and anti-bacterial agents used in the home.**

In contrast, I have previously applauded the Hawkesbury City Council's oblique recognition of our health issues. They had stated to me that they would no longer spray herbicide in the public laneway against my back fence in Bligh Park or in the street area of McQuade Avenue in Sth. Windsor (Daley, no date, letter [<http://poisonedpeople.com/index8council-may2007medium.html>]), areas declared to be "sensitive". And yet, a resident in McQuade Avenue recently informed me (November 2008) that the Council had sprayed yet again in that street. As well, the Council yet again sprayed at the back of my unit in Bligh Park in late 2010, so "sensitive" protocols obviously do not work at all (see: [http://poisoningandlegalaction.com.au/photos/council/councilsprayresult\(27thOct2010\)-2.pdf](http://poisoningandlegalaction.com.au/photos/council/councilsprayresult(27thOct2010)-2.pdf); [http://poisoningandlegalaction.com.au/photos/council/councilsprayresult\(27thOct2010\)-1.pdf](http://poisoningandlegalaction.com.au/photos/council/councilsprayresult(27thOct2010)-1.pdf)). Why do corporate bodies seem predisposed to consistently failing a responsible, humane and public health **Duty of Care**? They typically do not demonstrate an adequately precautionary-based, broader and sophisticated **scientific** (let alone, *ethical*) appreciation of the implications of the hugely disturbing research that is readily available to all with access to the internet⁷. Specifically, in this case, Council have tended to minimize my warnings of massive environmental risks through appealing to the perceived greater imperatives of "limited funds and staff" (S. Perry 2005, letter). Perhaps it is not convenient to believe the studies showing "genetic damage and abnormal development" in frogs through the use of *glyphosate* or "Roundup" (Cox, 2004), or "damage to agricultural land, fisheries, fauna and flora [through] chemical inputs such as pesticides" (Wilson & Tisdell, 2001). Further, **PESTICIDE-MEDIATED IMMUNOCOMPETENCY**, by force of evidence, becomes the most likely mechanism for the limb deformities in frogs (Kiesecker, 2002; Hall, circa 2002) and, thereby, the best morbid theoretical fit for explaining much of our **current global frog genocide**. Ms. **Louise Markus MP** and the **HNCMA** might be particularly interested here vis-à-vis the health of the Hawkesbury River west of Sydney, since "the Hawkesbury River is as important as the Murray-Darling" (Markus, 2008). If we *locally* and *everywhere* dispense pesticides freely and incompetently, soon we will find we have nowhere to run to situate ourselves in a healthy environment.

As a result of my original termite pesticide poisoning in Public Housing in 2000/2001, I have had brain damage explicitly revealed through brain scans and at least two extensive batteries of neuro-psychological testing. My neurological deficit includes stress anxieties and huge memory/sequencing problems⁸ or, in other words, "confusion, emotional lability, loss of short term memory, delayed reaction times and learning difficulties" (Donohoe 1998:34). As well, I have had or still experience a variety of explosive joint pains, back and neck pain that is getting worse, headaches and nausea, chronic fatigue, EMF Sensitivity (my mobile phone, TVs and power sub-stations make me nauseous and dizzy⁹), various kidney pains, kidney stones, skin irritation, chronic nose bleeds, an echogenic or fatty liver, Multiple Chemical Sensitivity (MCS), and considerable heat intolerance. I can't drink alcohol any more (nausea, again); I'm hyper-sensitive to perfumes, deodorants, vehicle exhaust fumes and herbicide residues; my bone density has reduced; my eyesight has deteriorated markedly; my hearing is impaired in the high range; I get constant tinnitus (ringing in the ears), and I've been very, very suicidal. **Pesticide exposure significantly increases the risk of depression and suicide** (Parron, et al., 1995). As well, my reproductive system has been compromised.

Pesticides impair *spermatogenesis* (Hirsh, 2003), and pesticide exposure = sperm DNA damage (Bian, et al., 2004). My nerves are shot and some days I am completely incapacitated and require large doses of pain killers which have other negative effects. It is pathetic feeling like this when your health goes from just bearable (still inside the MCS syndrome) to suddenly taking a dramatic and unpredictable turn for the worst. It takes massive

⁶ Not only are our attitudes intrinsically flawed when science and technological pursuits are valued above nature, but in not valuing the gems science teaches us about real nature we engage in a compounding insult to ecology *and* our own intelligence. **We thereby destroy our literacy in a world of potential experience and, for too many of us, we may not even be aware of the potentials we have sidestepped** (Mulligan 2004:4), as we bludgeon past them with selfish ideas and pursuits.

⁷ "According to researchers writing in the *Journal of Applied Toxicology*, "immense care is warranted in the use of insecticides, because they not only affect the liver, kidney and other organs but also may alter the activity of the endocrine glands." (J Appl Toxicol 1996 Sep-Oct;16(5):397-400)" (Shomon, 2005). Therefore, being 'professional' in dispensing pesticide sprays does not equate with being careful. You cannot be careful with pesticides if you apply them where **spray drift, pesticide residues or leachate** will eventually find people (or the places they frequent). It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to use pesticides carefully, simply by virtue of the fact that these toxins are *released into the wider environment where they can be neither monitored effectively nor controlled*. Trying to accomplish either is like trying to herd cats!

⁸ "How much, I wondered, have we managed to lose through this invisible disease? How much intellectual capacity and function have we managed to destroy, gone before we had the benefit of the asset?" (Donohoe 1998:32).

⁹ This is why I have not previously included my mobile/cell phone number with this communication. My head starts to 'burn' and 'explode' and I become nauseous and dizzy after 20-30 seconds on my phone. As well, the total stress load of this affliction leaves me with no reserves for dealing with anything other than calls from my immediate family.

effort and months for me to put a letter/essay like this together because my brain can't do what it once could do quickly and efficiently. Imagine living every day within a blur of symptoms battering you around like a cat with a mouse, and yet you appear normal in appearance. I feel like I'm half dead and hanging over the edge most of the time. For those of you who are still truly alive, please intellectually recognize pesticide's **design and purpose** (to KILL). Then, translate this characteristic laterally and apply it to **the human species**. **You cannot poison pests and weeds without poisoning OURSELVES**. No distinctive intelligence is required to appreciate this truism. Even Homer Simpson said: "What?! Spider poison is people poison?! !" (*The Simpsons*, Twentieth Century Fox Film Corporation, Date Unknown).

It seems it is left to the chemically injured and neurologically damaged 'walking wounded' to argue against and sue those who are freely allowed to poison indiscriminately, stupidly, ignorantly, negligently and even callously. **Overall, the poisoning of people is permitted by a society and Government institutions that fail to protect their members from the flagrant dissemination of TOXIC SUBSTANCES, with few genuine and meaningful restrictions and precautions in place¹⁰**. I am in my 7th long and utterly exhausting year of litigation against those who poisoned me and my child originally in 2000/2001. This is not fair.

WHY DO THE INJURED HAVE TO FIGHT SO HARD FOR REDRESS WHILE ALSO FIGHTING THE CHEMICAL WARFARE OUTSIDE AND INSIDE THEIR OWN BODIES?

Even though my legal team are performing a magnificent job of prosecuting my case and revealing a vast array of critically pertinent information for the upcoming trial (on the 15th November 2010 in the Supreme Court in Sydney, Civil List [http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/lawlink/supreme_court/ll_sc.nsf/pages/SCO_visitsc]), THE STRESS OF LEGAL ACTION adds immeasurably to the physical pain, the fear, the anger, the depression, and the suicidal ideation that are the legacy of pesticide exposure. This stress can destroy what is left of a family after the toxins have already ruined one's health and the once better potential to be aware, compromise, communicate, empathize, care, love, be effectively employed, feel like a useful member of society, and excel at what life has to offer. When one's very intersection with all life processes has become distorted, fatigued and made dysfunctional by chemical impact, there is little left to anticipate with an abused and joyless mind.

PESTICIDE DELETES POTENTIAL ON ALL FRONTS

I AM REQUESTING THAT INTERESTED PROFESSIONALS ADDRESS THIS PARTICULAR ISSUE & THE OVERALL PESTICIDE CONUNDRUM IN LIGHT OF THE TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION IN THIS LETTER. Perhaps University of Western Sydney Environmental Health BAppSc students & staff could analyse my spray samples & conduct an epidemiological survey along McQuade Ave. & Cox Street? I will ultimately forward some of my samples to the Victorian Institute of Forensic Medicine and elsewhere for independent testing and post the results on my web site, <http://poisonedpeople.com>.

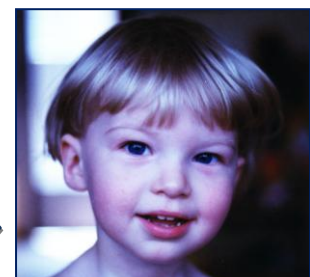
Why aren't those with power and influence, who aren't poisoned and crippled, doing more to elevate awareness of this massive and expanding **EXTINCTION LEVEL EVENT**, and assertively advancing **the making and changing of laws**, e.g. Chemical Trespass legislation such as the *Tasmanian Chemical Trespass Bill 2004* (defeated). **OR ARE WE ALLOWING, THROUGH OUR NEGLECT AND LETHARGY, THE CONSISTENT POISONING AND RAPID DESTRUCTION OF AN ENTIRE PLANET ON PURPOSE AND IN DEFERENCE TO THE WEIGHT AND BLOAT OF DISINTEREST, PESTICIDE MANUFACTURERS' VESTED INTERESTS, AND PERHAPS A CLIMATE CHANGE IMPERATIVE THAT DOES NOT ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THIS ISSUE?** Given the extent to which my son and I were previously poisoned and the increased potential now for developing an **ORGANIC DEGENERATIVE DISEASE**, I don't even know if we are going to be alive in 5 years to continue fighting against the irresponsible splashing around of chemical agents that bear a relationship to what has been used in times of war. Roundup (glyphosate) and other pesticides have **NERVE AGENT** and other toxic properties (see later). They cause **NEUROLOGICAL DAMAGE**. Why? Because pesticides contain solvents, hydrocarbons, surfactants, etc., along with the 'active' pesticide ingredients.

THE TARGET ORGAN FOR PESTICIDES IS THE BRAIN

(Dr. Mark Donohoe, 2001, pers. comm.).

I AM JUST TRYING TO PROTECT MY CHILD. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE WRONG WITH THAT!? ➡

WOULDN'T YOU WANT TO MAKE THESE SPECIAL LITTLE PEOPLE SAFE?



My beautiful son. He's a lot older now, but he's still *my baby*.

¹⁰ The Pesticides Act 1999 appears self-contradictory. It says we must not injure people with pesticide, and yet it allows injury through the legal use of legal products!

How much damage has to be done to innocent people; how much sicker do I have to get; how many more negative impacts does my child's body need to absorb into his *still* developing and maturing hormonal and DNA profile **FOR THE SAKE OF MERE COSMETIC CHEMICAL CONVENIENCE** before laws will be changed preventing companies (and Councils) from **EXPOSING THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO PROVEN HAZARDOUS CHEMICALS?**¹¹

Theoretical: If I'm standing at my friend's back fence with my son, and a golf club or council employee, or even a neighbour (who is likely not adequately protected him/herself from herbicide vapours and spray drift¹²) approaches with a herbicide spray pack, must we stand there quietly and allow him/her to spray our faces and arms, and also our clothes through the gaps in the wooden fence? Is there absolutely nothing anyone can do to prevent a person pumping a KNOWN TOXIN all over them, and onto the back lawn where they, their children and their pets walk and play? WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN STANDING IN THEIR BACK YARD ON THE DAYS THIS LONG FENCE LINE IN WESTERN SYDNEY WAS SPRAYED? A toddler? A loved pet? What's missing from within a society and culture that supposedly champions human rights? Answer = HUMAN RIGHTS!

We have not applied FUNDAMENTAL AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS to the ludicrous CHEMICAL WARFARE DEPENDENCY we have dumbly accepted over time, wherein we now allow ourselves the freedom to throw toxic nerve agents at each other! How ridiculous is this?! Reality: The herbicide spray entered private back yards in McQuade Avenue (my photos are proof of this). Directly or indirectly, adults, children and pets have inhaled herbicide vapours and walked through spray residue and taken it INDOORS. Forensic investigation and/or industrial hygiene testing would substantiate what is logically and physically obvious in this case.

IN OUR CULTURE TODAY, COULD YOU EVER SEE IT BEING THE INTENTION OF ANY GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT, CORPORATION OR COUNCIL TO HONESTLY & THOROUGHLY INFORM THE PUBLIC OF AN IMPENDING TOXIC PESTICIDE EXPOSURE EVENT TO SEE IF A CONSENSUS OF FULLY EDUCATED CONSENT BECAME AVAILABLE VIA A DEMOCRATIC PROCESS?

"EDUCATED" here means UNDERSTANDING TOTAL RISK THROUGH BEING FULLY INFORMED FROM AVAILABLE RESEARCH DATA!

BECAUSE TOXIC PESTICIDES ARE IMMENSELY CONVENIENT, AND BECAUSE ORGANIZATIONS WANT THE SUBTLY FASCIST & BUREAUCRATIC FREEDOM TO LIBERALLY SPRAY FOR THE SAKE OF THAT LAZY CONVENIENCE & DOLLAR BOTTOM LINE, WOULDN'T YOU EXPECT THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE FORTHCOMING IN INVESTIGATING & SHARING RESEARCH-PROVEN TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION? THAT THEY WOULD HOPE THAT YOU THE PUBLIC DIDN'T HAVE THE TIME OR 'HEAD SPACE' TO BOTHER BEING EDUCATED ABOUT THESE POISONOUS SPRAYS?¹³ THIS REPRESENTS A MASSIVE GAP IN OUR HUMAN RIGHTS THINKING! NOTHING LESS THAN TOTAL TRANSPARENCY IS DEMANDED HERE. AND TOTAL SCIENTIFIC RESPONSIBILITY. THAT MEANS APPLYING THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE.

WHAT IS ILLEGAL IN WAR MUST BECOME ILLEGAL IN PEACETIME!

How many children live in McQuade Ave and Cox Street, South Windsor? How many children live in or walk along Davies or Barnett Roads (next to Bardon Park) in Ashgrove West, Brisbane; Kylie Avenue (next to Keperra Golf Course) in Keperra, Brisbane; Stewart Ave. Blacktown, Sydney (next to Ashlar Golf Course); Lucerne Crescent (next to Latrobe Golf Course) Alphington, Melbourne; or Tunstall Ave (next to the Australian Golf Course) Rosebery, Sydney? **How many children WORLDWIDE have their basic right to a SECURE environment taken away from them every single time DNA, non-DNA factors, and immune function and hormone-damaging RESIDUAL chemicals are sprayed near them or even over them through spray drift and vapour drift?** In March 2005, the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) stated that children are more vulnerable to gene-damaging chemicals than adults, that children two years old and younger might be 10 times more vulnerable than adults to certain chemicals, and that children between the ages of two and 16 might be three times more vulnerable to certain chemicals¹⁴ (Dingle, 2005).

We put so much effort and emotion into protecting our children at crossings. We worry about teen binge drinking, we prohibit smoking near playgrounds¹⁵, and we are suitably disturbed by stalking monsters called paedophiles.

¹¹ See: [http://poisonedpeople.com/index8.html#SPRAY DRIFT](http://poisonedpeople.com/index8.html#SPRAY%20DRIFT). Also: "The Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment has taken a strong position against municipalities using pesticides" (Sinclair & Pressinger, no date; citing Steve Rauh, Chairman of the Environment Committee for the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg).

¹² All employees have a right to "work in an environment that is safe" (ACTU, 2008).

¹³ People "must be empowered, to feel that they have control over their own learning" (Parker 2000:170).

¹⁴ As well note that Parker (2000:91) states: "Pearse & Wright (1999) have discussed chemical assessment and the Precautionary Principle. They state: "it is worth noting that it is scientifically impossible to prove that no harm can ever come from a particular chemical" "

¹⁵ "You wouldn't expose your kids to tobacco smoke would you, so why pesticides? They are much more toxic" (Dingle 2005).

BUT WHERE IS OUR SUBSTANTIAL AND REAL-TIME CONCERN FOR THE SILENCE OF THE INVISIBLE CHEMICAL MONSTERS THAT STALK OUR CHILDREN?

Stalk them with endocrine disrupting and neurological impacts emasculating and reconfiguring little bodies and minds that desperately need a foundation of **MAXIMUM HEALTH FOR LIFE AND THE SAKE OF THE FUTURE OF THIS WORLD!** This is neither a small nor local matter. It is literally a matter of the survival of humanity. What we allow to be poisoned *now* establishes a reduced potential for *later*, and sometimes not that much later.

Effects and debility from pesticide exposure can arrive quickly, OR be hidden for decades for an incomprehensible later regret.

I have provided quite enough research data on my website (<http://poisonedpeople.com/>) to show unequivocally that pesticides (including weedicides/herbicides) are toxic to *all* aspects of *all* life. Further, pesticides promote the **classic symptom of abdominal pain in children** (Dr. B. Grabau, 2005, pers. comm.), or, "**non-specific abdominal gastric pain**" (Grabau, 2005) and **aggressive behaviour and delinquency in teens** (Hatherill, 1999; Tvedten, 1999, 2002:2), as well as **cancer, foetal death, miscarriages, and premature births** (NCAP, 1999:3; Bonn, 2005; Cox, 2004). In fact, what are usually classified as 'non-specific' symptoms can be themselves a characteristic or major signature of pesticide and other toxic chemical poisoning dynamics.

A "study showed there was approximately [a] 2-fold greater risk of having a stillbirth if the mother lived within 1 mile from an agricultural area which used organophosphate - pyrethroid¹⁶ - carbamate - or chlorinated pesticides"¹⁷

Glyphosate... is a non-selective, systematic herbicide. This organophosphate compound is the active ingredient in the weedkiller Roundup¹⁸ (Royal Society of Chemistry 2009).

Perhaps some of the mysterious "cancers of unknown primary site... a special pathological entity with distinctive features" (Bishop, 2008) that "represents 4% of all cancers, but sadly 8% of cancer deaths" (Firth, 2008) in New South Wales (Australia) can be explained through the huge increase in **ENVIRONMENTAL SATURATION BY PESTICIDE PRODUCTS?** And what *does* this kind of saturation produce in terms of understanding we presently have? Note: "**Two separate studies in Sweden have linked exposure to Glyphosate to Hairy Cell Leukemia and Non Hodgkin's Lymphoma. These types of cancers were extremely rare, however non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma is the most rapidly increasing cancer in the Western world. It has risen by 73% in the USA since 1973. Another study has found a higher incidence of Parkinson disease amongst farmers who used herbicides, including glyphosate**" (Leu, 2007 citing Cox, 1998; Lehmann & Pengue, 2000; Nordstrom, et al., 1998; Hardell & Eriksson, 1999). **NONE OF THIS COULD POSSIBLY BE BECAUSE ROUNDUP IS NOW THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR HERBICIDE, COULD IT???**

ROUNDUP, THE MAJOR CAUSE OF, NOW, THE WORLD'S MOST POPULAR CANCER!?!¹⁹

And, in the plant kingdom, are **GLYPHOSATE-RESISTANT WEEDS²⁰** enough of a comprehensive 'victory' for this **FATALLY FLAWED TECHNOLOGY?** No. **ENTER, AN IMPENDING GLOBAL HUMAN DISEASE HOLOCAUST.**

¹⁶ Synthetic pyrethroids are used for termite control in *public housing*.

¹⁷ Sinclair & Pressinger, no date, citing Bell, et al., 2001; my emphasis.

¹⁸ "Many organophosphates are also associated with irritation of the skin and upper respiratory tract... The controversy over whether neurobehavioural effects persist after recovery from organophosphate poisoning has continued for 30 years.^{11,12} There have been reports of **deficits in memory and abstraction on test batteries and subclinical decreases in vibrotactile sensitivity in workers recovering from organophosphate poisoning**, but results of clinical and neurological examinations were normal.^{13,14,15} Among workers who apply organophosphates but have not suffered poisoning episodes, some studies have shown similar types of **subclinical neurobehavioural deficits and subclinical electroencephalographic abnormalities**,^{16,17} whereas others had largely negative results^{18,19}" (O'Malley 1997; my emphasis). "Various epidemiological studies have demonstrated that individuals exposed to a single large toxic dose, or to small subclinical doses, of organophosphorus compounds have developed a chronic neurotoxicity that persists for years after exposure and is distinct from both cholinergic and OPIDN effects¹⁵⁰... Our review of the literature indicated that these studies describe a nervous system disorder induced by organophosphorous compounds which involves neuronal degeneration and subsequent neurological, neurobehavioral, and neuropsychological consequences" (Abou-Donia, 2003). **The neurobehavioural controversy exists precisely because, as this information clearly shows, most difficult-to-define poisoning impacts are sub-clinical, or presenting as a condition or illness that is not readily identified by the usual orthodox medical investigations (which are generally fairly obtuse). This is why sensitive neuro-psychological tests and behavioural assessment are necessary for those more 'gently' touched by pesticides.**

¹⁹ "Doctors at a weekend conference in Winnipeg say there is a disturbing trend when it comes to the rising rate of certain cancers. **They say pesticides are to blame for the increase - especially in childhood cancers**" (Sinclair & Pressinger, no date, citing *Winnipeg CBC News* - June 7, 2004; my emphasis).

It should be noted with **ABSOLUTE HORROR** that organophosphates have been implicated in cattle becoming more susceptible to Mad Cow Disease [BSE - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy] (Dr. Lawrence Broxmeyer, cited by Rotella 2003). **As well, "the Purdey/Brown chemical poisoning model matches with the epidemiological spread of CJD [Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease, the human form of BSE] clusters in humans. It also predicts the incidence of BSE-type diseases in animals. The accepted infectious model fits neither"** (Dunne 2000, cited by Rotella 2003).

LOOK FOR ANIMAL DISEASE EPIDEMICS AS INFLAMMATORY SIGNATURES OF TOXIC CHEMICAL USE & EXPOSURE! Then apply this principle to us...²¹

Further: "OPs can persist in the environment for long periods of time. Indeed, OPs are detected in soils years after application... conditions can occur in soil where OPs are preserved and transferred to humans through food. A review of the literature shows that OPs are highly toxic and that human exposure is undesirable. Evidence suggests that OPs are mutagenic and teratogenic and that a large number of modern-day diseases of the nervous and immune system of mammals can be linked to these pesticides. These include BSE (mad cows disease), CJD, Gulf War syndrome, Parkinson's disease and multiple sclerosis, arguing for a thorough examination of the environmental fate and toxicology of OPs as well as their use" (Ragnarsdottir 2000).

Further still: "The possibility that organophosphorus (OP) compounds contribute to motor neuron disease (MND) is supported by association of paraoxonase 1 polymorphisms with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) and the occurrence of MND in OP compound-induced delayed neuropathy (OPIDN), in which neuropathy target esterase (NTE) is inhibited by organophosphorylation" (Rainier, et. al., 2008).

Cause and effect just become all the more interesting the more links we put together. Therefore... we should all be *very afraid*.

"Other studies show that **GLYPHOSATE** and commercial herbicides containing **GLYPHOSATE** cause a range of cell mutations and damage to cell DNA. These types of changes are usually regarded as precursors to cancer and birth defects" (Leu, 2007; my emphasis). **GLYPHOSATE** [Roundup] is **persistent** (NCAP, 2000:2, citing US EPA, 1993-2) **and may last up to 3 years** (NCAP, 2000:2, citing Torstensson et al., 1989), **while its metabolite, AMPA** [aminomethylphosphonic acid], **may persist even longer, "with a half life in soil between 119 and 958 days"** (Buffin & Jewell, 2001, citing WHO, 1994). **GLYPHOSATE** is toxic to fish, aquatic organisms, soil life (including earthworms, mycorrhizal fungi, nitrogen-fixing bacteria, micro-organisms and arthropods), plants (through disease susceptibility), and beneficial insect species (Leu, 2007; van der Werf, 1996). "Studies show a reduction in the species that build humus, thus [**GLYPHOSATE**] contributes to the decline in soil organic matter" (Leu 2007). **ROUNDUP** causes genetic mutations in cell tests (NCAP, 2000:2, citing Vigfusson & Vyse, 1980; Kale et al., 1995; Rank et al., 1993) and is linked to **Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma** (Cox, 2004; Vachani, 2007), **miscarriages** and **Attention Deficit Disorder** (Cox, 2004). **ROUNDUP** contains surfactants that are acutely toxic to humans and animals, even potentially causing **death in humans** (Cox, 1993:4, citing Sawada, et al., 1988; and Talbot, 1991). "Glyphosate tolerant (GT) crops and glyphosate herbicide (commercial formulation, Roundup) poison nitrogen fixing and other beneficial soil bacteria, increase fungal pathogens, undermine plant immunity to diseases, decrease plant micronutrients available in the soil, and more... Research findings over the past decades paint a damning picture of the cropping system that has taken over 85 percent of the 134 million hectares of global agricultural land now growing genetically modified (GM) crops (see [1] Scientists Reveal Glyphosate Poisons Crops and Soil, *SiS* 47). The unprecedented rise in GT crops has been accompanied by a sharp increase in the use of the glyphosate herbicides worldwide, especially in the US... The ecological disaster has been unfolding amid mounting evidence of the herbicide's adverse impacts on human and animal health" (Institute of Science in

²⁰ "Leading weed scientists are urgently appealing to Australia's farmers to switch to an integrated weed management (IWM) system as the country records its third glyphosate-resistant weed" (*ScienceAlert* 2008, citing CRC For Australian Weed Management 2003).

²¹ Also see: *Submission to the European Review of Glyphosate Products* (<http://www.mapperleyplains.co.uk/oprus/glyphosrev.htm>).

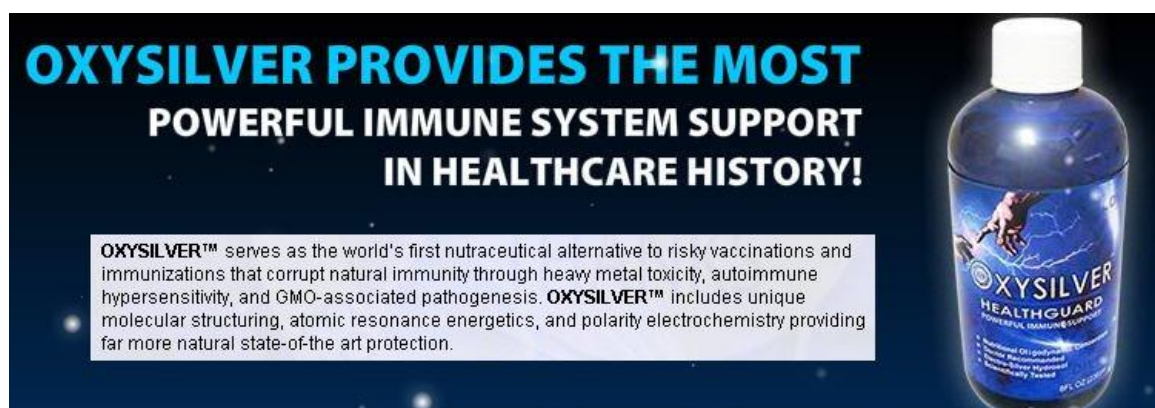
Society 2010. Original research: Ho & Cherry 2010). **ROUNDUP** has also been heavily implicated in **thyroid, liver and pancreatic tumours** in test animals (Cox, 1993:4, citing Dykstra & Ghali, 1991), and in **poisonings shockingly misdiagnosed as aneurysm, head trauma, diabetic acidosis, severe bacterial gastroenteritis, pneumonia and whooping cough in infants** (Reeves, Schafer, Hallward & Katten, 1999:17, citing Solomon & Mott, 1998; Zweinerd & Ginsburg, 1988).

THAT MEANS MANY COMMON ILLNESSES THOUGHT TO ARISE THROUGH OTHER CAUSES ARE ACTUALLY CREATED BY THE MASSIVE QUANTITIES OF GLYPHOSATE USED WORLDWIDE BY AGRICULTURE, STATE FORESTS, NATIONAL PARKS, COUNCILS, RAILWAYS, GOLF CLUBS, LEAGUES CLUBS & PRIVATE RESIDENTS!

And it also means that exposed children may have their entire lives ruined at critical developmental stages by the formula: **child + glyphosate = ADHD** (Cox, 2004). For adults, a "study of 56 men exposed to organophosphate pesticides detected memory problems and difficulty in maintaining alertness and focusing attention" (Sinclair & Pressinger, no date, citing *Annual Reviews in Public Health*, 7:461, 1986 [Sharp, et. al., 1986]).

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But, who gives a damn? How interesting it is (in retrospect, now that I understand what happened) that my son's daily abdominal pains started in early 2001 at age 8 ½ within a few weeks of my unit's chemical barrier termite pesticide treatment (the treatment that my public housing landlord forced upon me). At that very time my body was being increasingly hammered by extensive joint/muscle pains, eye/skin irritation, chronic nose bleeds, fatigue and incoordination. My son stayed at my place during the school week all that year. His pains were present each and every morning throughout 2001, the period of heaviest exposure to the **detectable** pesticide odour inside my unit. Because of the abdominal pains, my son had to go to school each morning for the whole of 2001 without breakfast. That meant he ate all his available food (play lunch and lunch) in one hit during recess at primary school and then gorged again immediately after school at his mother's home. He put on a tremendous amount of weight. This response was somewhat incongruent with his exercise levels increasing dramatically from 2000 on (vigorous swimming lessons, extra swim sessions, and a lot of walking). As well, from 2001 to 2003, my son stayed with his mom at her Cox Street South Windsor public housing unit. And *from 2001 to 2005/6, the no less than 10 termiticide treatments* (Public Housing Tenant #1²², 2005, Letter: 15th Dec.) that took place in the public housing unit immediately next door ensured that my child, while at Cox Street, *was continuously exposed to episodes of detectable pesticide vapour* (Public Housing Tenant #2, 2002, pers. comm.). Then, in 2003 in Grade 5 and at around age 11, he and his mother moved laterally into further public housing to McQuade Avenue South Windsor, next to the golf club. **It was then, in becoming exposed to continuous levels of pesticide vapours originating largely from the golf course²³ behind his house, that my son**

²² These tenants' identities have been concealed because NSW Department of Housing Client Service Officers are well known by tenants and some researchers for being capable of significant levels of vindictive behaviour, especially toward the elderly. I am personally aware of this problem.

²³ *Golf clubs are known for using fungicides on the putting greens and other pesticides throughout the course* (Dr. Mark Donohoe, 16 June 2008, pers. comm.). Also: "Pesticides that are used on golf courses fall into three categories: insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Insecticides are used to a lesser extent than either herbicides or fungicides. Herbicides, if used for two to three consecutive years, can pretty well eliminate most weeds of concern. Fungicides are used because fungal pathogens

began experiencing negative neurological effects: irrational anger and aggression on a level such as he had never, ever displayed before.

How interesting that this extremely distressing and brand new neurological issue started at that time, likely (#1) as a chemical-sensitive development from previous exposures to, strictly, **TERMITE PESTICIDES** in my unit and next door to his mother's Cox Street unit, but also (#2) because of significant and higher exposures to other varieties of pesticides (herbicides), **INCLUDING THE ORGANOPHOSPHATE GLYPHOSATE**, emanating from the McQuade Avenue environment. And during this year (2003), as I became consistently exposed to organophosphate herbicide through my constant visits to my son in McQuade Av., my mental state deteriorated to where, in 2004, I experienced horrific 'suicidal ideation'. 2004/5 became the worst years of my life, I believe because of **CONSISTENT EXPOSURE TO ORGANOPHOSPHATE HERBICIDE IN MCQUADE AVENUE**. (On a lesser, though still very disturbing level, I noticed then as I do now, that if I stay at this residence for a period of hours with the wind direction notably coming *from* the golf club over the house, I will end up with an extremely painful sore throat.)

In late April 2005, I photographed extensively sprayed and totally dead vegetation between my son's back fence and the golf club's east perimeter fence line. The spraying likely occurred in February/March 2005. **And that year my son's aggression became even worse than before**, threatening his ability to function at school (only *constant* reassurance and help from a father who could barely reassure himself saved him). Note: "He [my son] has suffered adverse health effects as a result of accidental pesticide exposure between 2000 and 2002, and this has adversely affected him in a number of ways... reduced mobility and gastrointestinal changes... [and he] is adversely affected by exposure to a range of common chemicals, including pesticides and solvents..." (Dr. Mark

can cause severe loss of grass on a golf course." (Source: <http://cmte.parl.gc.ca>, no date, "3. HISTORY OF PESTICIDE USE" no date, <http://cmte.parl.gc.ca/Content/HOC/committee/362/envi/reports/rp1031697/envi01/10-ch3-e.html>; accessed: 30 July 2010.)

Also: "**THE CONVENTIONAL WAY**: There are up to 86 chemicals on the market for golf course use. These are known to have been sprayed while players are still on the course. Pesticides, herbicides and other chemicals are termed safe but when combined with other chemicals used on the course, the resulting cocktails may be deadly." (Source: Biological Farmers of Australia 2005, "Kabi Golf Farm: A Fairer Way", http://www.bfa.com.au/_files/kabi%20golf%20farm%20pg37-38.pdf; accessed: 30 July 2010.)

Also: "...but Friends of the Earth is also concerned that a range of pesticides (herbicides, insecticides and fungicides) will be used on the course after construction and also on the turf grass nurseries. These pesticides will have the ability not only to potentially pollute Melbourne's drinking water, but could also (particularly the insecticides), play havoc with native fish that inhabit the river downstream of the development. One only has to look at what happened to the Warringah Golf Course in 2001 after their misuse of the insecticide Gusathion which led to the golf course having to pay out \$500,000 after 10,000 fish (an d many species of birds) were killed at Manly Lagoon. (Source: Friends of the Earth Melbourne 2010, "Objection to Eastern Golf Club", <http://www.melbourne.foe.org.au/?q=node/724>; accessed: 30 July 2010.)

Also: "The governing bodies of golf and golf course designers have recognised the importance of designing, constructing and managing golf courses in an environmentally sustainable manner. Golf courses can provide significant benefits to the environment if constructed and managed using best management practices. **They can also result in water pollution, pesticide spills and the destruction of native vegetation if managed poorly.**" (Source: Australian Golf Course Superintendents' Association 2010, "Establishing Environmental Principles for Golf Courses", http://environment.agcsa.com.au/resources/environmental_principles; accessed: 30 July 2010; my emphasis.)

Also: "Councils have a responsibility to maintain the appearance and usefulness of golf courses, and doing this involves preventing and eradicating pests. The pesticides used to do this often find their way into the stormwater system.

Pesticides in waterways can result in dramatic changes within ecosystems through direct destruction of organisms and habitats, and more subtly through small doses which may impair reproduction, cause greater susceptibility to disease and inhibit growth. Aquatic animals are particularly susceptible to pesticides because they can absorb them from the water and sediments in which they live.

The chemicals used by councils can enter the aquatic environment through a variety of routes, including direct application, drifting through the air, migration of contaminated organisms, infiltration through the soil into groundwater, spills during transport and application, poor disposal of empty containers, and runoff from treated land." (Source: Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water 2008, "Stormwater management for golf courses", <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/stormwater/whatdo/local+councils/golf.htm>; accessed: 30 July 2010.) More internationally: "To keep expensive imported grasses green, golf courses need large amounts of chemical fertilisers and pesticides. The average amount of agrochemicals used on a golf course is 1500 kg per year. This includes zeolite, which consists mainly of silicic acid, aluminium oxide and iron oxide, which may be carcinogenic.

The soil-coagulating agent used to strengthen the foundation of artificial lakes in golf courses uses acrylamid, a strong poison. Its contamination of underground water has caused severe poisoning and disorders of the central nervous system.

As a result of exposure to chemicals, many caddies, greenkeepers and residents near golf courses suffer eye irritations and skin diseases in addition to allergies, rashes and sores. The APPEN conference heard that at a country club on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, organic copper compounds were spread on the grass to keep it from rotting under the winter snow. When it rained, the chemical was washed into the water system. More than 90,000 fish in a nearby aquaculture project were killed." (Source: GreenLeft, "Off course: golf in South-East Asia", <http://www.greenleft.org.au/node/6189>; accessed: 30 July 2010.)

And, in terms of a better way to maintain golf courses: "**METHODS OF GREEN KEEPING**: Troy MacLaren, Kabi's superintendent greenkeeper, has worked on a commercial golf course. "The members expect the greens to be like carpets," he says. "Greenkeepers have the mindset that using chemicals is the only way to obtain perfection. When you think about the greenkeeping methods used though, it's not an efficient process. For example, growth regulators have been known to be used followed by a high input of nitrogen." Seeing is believing. Kabi is proof that greens and their surrounds can be kept up to the competitive standard without any chemical use." (Source: Biological Farmers of Australia 2005, "Kabi Golf Farm: A Fairer Way", http://www.bfa.com.au/_files/kabi%20golf%20farm%20pg37-38.pdf; accessed: 30 July 2010.)

Donohoe, *Medical Certificate/letter*, 17 June 2005). A continuum of exposure to different pesticides (mostly sub-surface chemical barrier termiticide treatments prior to 2003), and then from early 2003 in McQuade Avenue even more obscene surface exposures to large quantities of, perhaps, **PERSISTENT ROUNDUP** and/or other pesticide agents. And now my son also has tinnitus, EMF sensitivity, a predisposition to joint pains, and a condition *perilously close to diabetes* (Dr. N. Morris, 2008, pers. comm.)! As well, he has had a liver ultrasound and that did not produce good news. Also, he is extremely 'jumpy' at my unit (where his largest termite pesticide exposure occurred), but not at his mother's. I believe this is analogous to my depression. My constant depressive state is my particular response in terms of my *extreme sensitivity to undetectable levels of chemicals in my unit* (P. Turner [Occupational Hygienist], 2005, pers. comm.).

A child does not experience years of continuous pesticide exposure without long-term ramifications. And me? Within 2 weeks of pulling the herbicide-laden weeds on May 20th 2008, I developed knee joint pains. Initially they were exactly the type of pain and debility I was afflicted with after my initial Dec. 2000 poisoning with termiticide. Now, longer-term, the joint pains are *different*, more in tune with MCS joint pains in response, for example, to a tetanus shot. **And now in August 2008, I have had the worst chronic fatigue I've ever experienced.** How interesting.²⁴

How many organic (physical) and psychological/behavioural/sociological problems in residents in McQuade Avenue and elsewhere could be linked to the spraying of various pesticide nerve agents nearby²⁵, given a thorough medical specialist investigation and epidemiological survey?

Note that Ontario farming populations have been subjected to just such an epidemiological study. IT SHOWED THAT EXPOSURE TO GLYPHOSATE CAUSED NEARLY A DOUBLING OF SPONTANEOUS ABORTIONS²⁶

Or are these *human rights* too hard, too politically uncomfortable, or not important enough because the residents may not be upper class or influential? In a country that is supposedly a signatory to conventions enshrining the rights of children, we must STOP imposing disease and psychiatric disorders on our little ones through, essentially, **CRIMINAL CHEMICAL EXPOSURE!**²⁷ **Perhaps a legal test case is what is needed...**

In real poisoning cases, a massive component of people's feelings, emotions, physical suffering and dysfunction is **NOT THEIR FAULT!** Note:

"Pollution causes some people to commit violent crimes: In our myopia, we've neglected this obvious possibility. Yet a rapidly expanding body of research shows that heavy metals such as lead and pesticides decrease mental ability and increase aggressiveness" (Hatherill, 1999; my emphasis).

²⁴ I now believe that the most serious consequences of my exposures will likely not manifest until years after my legal action ends. I have already noted signs of new developmental symptoms, and these have been passed on to my specialists. If I must die from continuous episodes of poisoning from people and corporate bodies that are too bloody-minded and negligent to recognize good science and see reason, then I may as well die fighting and documenting my symptoms, right to the very end.

²⁵ "An epidemic of developmental, learning, and behavioral disabilities has become evident among children" (preventingharm.org, no date). And why? "We are inventing and releasing thousands of novel molecules every year in the pursuit of commercial gain" (Donohoe 1998:35).

²⁶ Dr. Mae-Wan Ho and Prof. Joe Cummins. See: <http://www.i-sis.org.uk/GTARW.php> (accessed: 13 Jan. 2011).

²⁷ Note: "Now the Lymphoma Foundation of America has pulled together and summarized in a 49-page booklet all the available studies of the relationship between lymphoma and pesticides.^[2] It is an impressive piece of work by Susan Osburn, who directed the project, and a scientific review panel of 12 physicians and lymphoma researchers. The booklet summarizes 99 studies of humans and one study of pet dogs (see REHN #250) in relation to pesticide exposures. Of the 99 human studies, 75 indicate a connection between exposure to pesticides and lymphomas... The Lymphoma Foundation's booklet lists 12 ways that most of us are routinely exposed to pesticides in our daily lives even if we use no pesticides in our homes: routine spraying of apartments, condos, offices (and the associated lawns), public buildings and public spaces (parks, green spaces alongside highways, power line rights of way), and in motels, hotels, and restaurants... We might well ask, **where did these corporations get permission to violate our well-established human right to personal security?** And why do we allow these toxic trespasses into our bodies to occur without our informed consent?^[3] In other words, we might begin to view pesticide exposures not as a scientific question, but mainly as a question of morals and ethics, a question of human rights... **Pesticide exposures seem to give rise to Parkinson's** (REHN #635) - a horrible degenerative disease of the nervous system. **Pesticide exposures diminish children's memory, physical stamina, coordination, and [the] ability to carry out simple tasks like drawing a stick figure of a human being.** (See REHN #648.) **Pesticide exposures seem to make children more aggressive. Pesticide exposures seem to contribute to the epidemic of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) that has swept through U.S. children in recent years.** (See REHN #678.)" (Montague 2001; my emphasis)

This stands as an extreme warning regarding rage attacks and obscene acts of animal cruelty. A polluted society is also affected **MENTALLY**. Are **YOU** forever upset or angry and don't know why (as I was)? Are your emotions see-sawing (like mine did and still do)? Are your kids like this (mine was)? Can they focus on school? Are you tired all the time or too young to be getting joint pains (e.g. in your elbows, wrists, fingers, knees, or ankles)? Do you get aches across your shoulders when simply standing still? Do you have 'ringing in the ears' (tinnitus), or muscle pains that change locations? Do you get spontaneous back strains while doing nothing? Do medications make you sick (e.g. Panadeine Forte and kidney pain, or antibiotics and shocking nausea)? Do you have "eye irritation, burning eyes, blurred vision, skin rashes, burning or itchy skin, nausea, sore throat [I've had a dreadful sore throat for 8 years!], asthma²⁸ and difficulty breathing, headache, lethargy, nose bleeds, and dizziness" (Cox, 2004)? Do some people think you're crazy and assert you should take psychoactive medication for your problems when you know that your symptoms are **PHYSICALLY REAL**? Are you weary of people locked into outdated thinking disrespecting you and assuming the tired, time-worn, offensive, medically outdated and dumbly institutionalized stereotype... that you're a dysfunctional hypochondriac?

SUSPECT PESTICIDE !

Now, why should we be suspicious of chemical technologies? Let's see... 1 in 3 people in England will develop cancer²⁹. 1 in 4 people in industrialized countries will die from **CANCER**, with only about 5 percent of cancers being attributable to genetic susceptibility, and with even *this* level of susceptibility being likely a product of "environmental insults"³⁰. 1 in 8 women have breast cancer³¹. Over 30 million people in 2002 in the US alone had been diagnosed with asthma, with over 4200 deaths³². Over 40 million people in the US alone are afflicted with rheumatic conditions (including arthritis), with this overall condition being the leading cause of disability for those 65+³³. More than 194 million people worldwide have diabetes³⁴. 15% of the US population suffers from MCS³⁵. 4.1 million people in 15 of the world's largest nations have Parkinson's Disease, with this number predicted by the journal *Neurology* to double over the next generation³⁶. 2.5 million people worldwide have Multiple Sclerosis³⁷. More than 5 million people worldwide have systemic lupus erythematosus³⁸. So, in other words, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and motor neurone disease mortality has soared in the last twenty years. The increase is blamed by researchers on **PESTICIDES**, industrial chemicals, car exhausts and other pollutants³⁹.

Let's live in the REAL WORLD and address this **BONAFIDE RESEARCH instead of lazily falling back on a repetitive and corporatized dumb faith in internally conflicted, careless 'professional practice' and **DESTRUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES**.**

We need a forum on this issue (which is why I've contacted Jenny Brockie, of the SBS program *Insight*), a very substantial cross disciplinary forum from which we might extract rapid changes to current practices so that **THE INJURED ARE NO LONGER FORCED TO SUFFER LONG AFTER THE INITIAL INJURY EVENT THROUGH PROTRACTED LEGAL ACTION!** All contributors to the legal system need to participate in this forum with a view to generating profound improvements in the legal process and, thereby, **HUMAN RIGHTS!** See my essay: <http://poisoningandlegalaction.com.au/essays/essay3-diminishing-returns-of-complexity.pdf>.

For those with political clout, please address this specific issue, and also more generally in relation to any council's or golf club's position within the community and their intersection with broader terrestrial and aquatic environments. Specifically consider past and recent spraying activities (as recorded in the photos on my website) between McQuade Avenue and down to Rickabys Creek, **OH&S RESPONSIBILITIES, THE WORKPLACE ENVIRONMENT, AND DUTY OF CARE RESPONSIBILITIES TO GOLFERS AND PRIVATE RESIDENTS LIVING NEAR THEM, INCLUDING THE PREVENTION OF CHEMICAL TRESPASS IN RESIDENT'S PRIVATE BACKYARDS.**

WHAT'S CHILDHOOD ASTHMA WORTH? WHAT'S ADHD WORTH? WHAT'S CANCER WORTH?

²⁸ "Exposure to herbicides (weed killers) before the age of one is linked to a more than four-fold increase in childhood asthma" (BeyondPesticides.org 2008, citing Boise, et al. 2004).

²⁹ DirectGov, 2007.

³⁰ Laurier, 2003; citing the 351-page report from the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a branch of the World Health Organization.

³¹ American Cancer Society, 2008.

³² National Center for Health Statistics, 2008.

³³ CureResearch.com, 2007.

³⁴ NKDEP, 2005.

³⁵ Mindfully.org, 2007.

³⁶ Bio-Medicine.org, 2008.

³⁷ ScienceDaily, 2008. Like my old school friend who had used a blonding agent for her hair since her early teens and now has

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³⁸ Yb Dato Liow Tiong Lai, 2008.

³⁹ Clennell, 2004.

**WHAT ARE MISCARRIAGES WORTH?
WHAT ARE ALL THESE PESTICIDE-INDUCED & -AMPLIFIED DISEASES WORTH TO
A SOCIETY THAT PLACES PROFITS, PHARMACEUTICAL/POLITICAL ALLIANCES &
COSMETIC CONVENIENCE AHEAD OF HUMAN RIGHTS? WHAT'S A CLASS
ACTION BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF POISONED PEOPLE WORTH?**

Those who are responsible for these continuous episodes of pesticide spraying should be required to provide Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all sprays used in McQuade Avenue and along the club's east perimeter fence since the start of 2000 (because herbicide residues from applications in this year would have still been present when my son moved to McQuade Avenue in 2003), together with an explicit record of the application/spray dates. It would be responsible to log these identifying details (inc. the composition and toxicology of the sprays) against weather conditions (including wind direction) for those dates and subsequent periods, **AS IS REQUIRED BY THE PESTICIDES ACT 1999 & REGULATION⁴⁰**. This information may also be very useful in future epidemiological surveys of the McQuade Ave & Cox Street residents, **and the herbicide applicators who used the sprays⁴¹**, studies similar to the *Castlereagh Human Health Study* (Williams & Jalaludin, 1993) that investigated the increased disease incidence arising through toxic waste leakage from the Castlereagh Waste Management Centre in Londonderry, Sydney. Note in this regard in the areas affected by depot leachate (leaking toxic waste residues): "the Human Health Study found that the "rate of brain cancer in males [is] more than three times the NSW average", with "the breast cancer rate between 1979 and 1983... two-and-a-half times the State average, with eight cases identified, while three cases of uterine cancer between 1984 and 1988... [were] more than five times the average" (Kerr, 1995:1-3)" (Thompson, 1998:9). Strangely, the study's politically comfortable 'inconclusive' outcome was followed by an "alert status [that was] adopted in relation to [the] health outcomes..." (Williams & Jalaludin, 1993:v).

What rate increases IN DISEASES (or behavioural problems) might we find in McQuade Avenue?

This is, at the very least, the variety of study needed in any location where toxic agents have been used over an extended period of time. As well, behavioural studies could look at any increased incidence of sociological problems relating to chemical exposure, toxic burden **AND CONSEQUENT NEUROLOGICAL IMPACT**. Societal aggression and anti-social behaviour has a significant **TOXICOLOGICAL COMPONENT** woven into it. This is where law enforcement needs to become more educated (*hence, why I have contacted the New South Wales Police Force, Crime Victims Support Assoc. Inc., the Australian Crime Prevention Council, etc.*). We need more knowledge and controls across the board to stop negligent poisoning. I have contacted Windsor Police on numerous occasions and, despite their concerned, sympathetic and cooperative attitude, they are helpless to prevent this kind of poisoning. However, at the suggestion of Windsor Police, I am here *using mass media to embarrass those who have put my son's health at risk* (Const. Burns 2008, pers. comm. 6th June).

Disappointingly, the Hawkesbury Council appear resigned to a dream world where they are uncertain that herbicide spray comes out of a pesticide spray nozzle upwind from exposed and unprotected members of the

⁴⁰ For example, on Monday 15th Sept. 2008 I spent time at my friend's in South Windsor. On that day strong winds came from the west **across** the golf club and over the residences on McQuade Avenue. For the 8 hours I spent there, my reward was an unusually elevated sore throat (well over and above what I normally experience), precisely the variety of sore throat I and other UWS-H Systems Agriculture and Applied Science Environmental Health students got after breathing chemicalized vapours from contaminated soil on a farm near the Castlereagh Waste Management Centre in 1995/96.

⁴¹ "A growing body of scientific evidence suggests **there may be an association between parents' exposure to pesticides and cancer in their children** ...Kori Flower of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill School of Public Health and colleagues report the results of their recent study investigating the possibility of **INCREASED CANCER RISK AMONG THE CHILDREN OF PESTICIDE APPLICATORS**... The team compared the cancer incidence rate in the cohort to that expected in the general population to generate a standardized incidence ratio, and found an increased cancer incidence rate among children of the Iowa workers. **The risk of all childhood cancers combined was 36% GREATER IN CHILDREN OF APPLICATORS compared to all Iowa children; the risk of all lymphomas more than DOUBLED, and that of Hodgkin lymphoma was 2.5 TIMES GREATER. Further, the team found an increased risk of cancer among children of pesticide applicators who did not wear chemical-resistant gloves during application**, as opposed to the children of those who did" (Hood 2004, citing Flower, et. al 2004; my emphasis). . This represents a massive OH&S issue for all corporate bodies spraying pesticide. Also, *what* might be indicated here by way of the previously mentioned BSE? This mostly invisible public health disaster must be confronted now **BEFORE DISEASE EPIDEMICS IN ANIMAL POPULATIONS BECOME DISEASE PANDEMICS IN HUMAN POPULATIONS!** Growing agri-science FASCISM has to be addressed in order to stop pesticide manufacturers continually loading the bases and influencing politics for their financial benefit while a small planet plunges toward a **GLOBAL DISEASE HOLOCAUST!** For example: "**Violence and Aggression against Human Rights in the Wake of Agribusiness, July 12, 2005.** *The agribusiness sector concentrates land, water, and income. Its production is mainly for export, creating profits for a privileged elite at a very high socio-environmental cost. The irrigation of monoculture consumes 70% of the country's water. Its machines are substituted for manual labor in the countryside, in a country [Sth. America] whose greatest problem is unemployment. In the states where agribusiness has expanded, privately-sponsored violence is growing, along with repression through the power of the Judiciary"* (<http://www.landaction.org/display.php?article=272>; accessed: 18 Aug. 2008).

public, including babies in prams. Even though I explicitly photographed this happening on a refreshing and breezy Windsor day (<http://poisonedpeople.com/index8.html#SPRAY DRIFT>)⁴².

Certainly, this entire monstrous issue awkwardly straddles political, business, environmental, agricultural, sports, recreational, legal, human health, behavioural and public order concerns. But that is no reason to avoid it.

QUITE THE CONTRARY⁴³

The APVMA needs to start recognizing and internalizing this readily available research and make **PROFOUND CHANGES TO THE WAY THEY THINK AND DO**. Note:

"...we need to make a huge shift in the way we regulate chemicals... Our regulators have made yet another mistake and while they will say there are no problems with the existing system and will defend it, along with the manufacturing industry, it will eventually be changed - it will just take 10 or 20 years for it to happen" (Dingle, 2005).

Meanwhile our children get sick and die from pesticide-induced cancers & other illnesses by the truckload⁴⁴. **These were once illnesses that were reserved for the elderly, but which are now the domain of our precious youth through the flooding of our environment with highly toxic chemicals.**

Back to *The Paris Appeal*:

We call upon national decision-makers, European Authorities, international organizations, and specifically the United Nations Organization (UNO), to take the following measures:

Measure # 1

Banning all products that are *certainly or probably* carcinogenic, mutagenic or reprotoxic (CMRs) for human beings, as specified by competent international scientific authorities and organizations, and therefore applying to these products the principle of substitution; exceptionally, whenever implementation of this principle is not feasible and the use of the product concerned is considered unavoidable, limiting its use to a minimum with particularly stringent measures of fixed quotas,

Measure # 2

Applying the precautionary principle to all chemicals that, regardless of toxicity characteristics specified in Measure # 1 (refer to **§9** and **§13**), and because they are persistent, bioaccumulative, toxic (PBT) or very persistent and very bioaccumulative (vPvB), constitute an allegedly serious and/or irreversible danger for human and/or animal health, and more generally the environment, without waiting for the definite proof of an epidemiological link, so as to anticipate and avoid serious and/or irreversible sanitary or ecological damage,

Measure # 3

Promoting the adoption of toxicological standards or international thresholds to protect people, based on the assessment of risks for the most vulnerable, i.e. mostly children and the embryo.

Measure # 4

⁴² "Glyphosate spray drift from both ground and aerial applications has been measured from 400 to 800 meters from the target site... Drift that is one thousand times less than the usual application rates has been shown to damage surrounding vegetation, including the killing of wild plants. This is an important reason why it should not be used in national parks and environmentally sensitive areas for weed control" (Leu 2007). And on any street and in any park *because babies and bigger people matter!*

⁴³ "In the long term the best solution is the promotion of alternative, non-chemical methods of pest control. This strategy is also of far more importance to reduce occupational exposure than campaigns to promote "safe use of pesticides". Such campaigns appear to be irrelevant when farmers are already aware of the hazards and safety precautions. Non-chemical pest control measures are now promoted by the international agricultural research centers and IPM was identified as a key element in sustainable agricultural development by Agenda 21, the blueprint for action prepared by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro in 1992. The next step is for policy-makers to abolish subsidies and other incentives for pesticide use and to strengthen the agricultural extension services for the promotion of IPM" (van der Hoek, et al., 1998). And: "Integrated pest management encourages use of fewer pesticide applications and more environmentally friendly methods of pest control. The most toxic pesticides and those with greatest local resistance are identified; their use is the n restricted and a regimen of decreased applications is implemented to protect natural enemies of the pests. This strategy results in reduced pesticide use, increased productivity and profitability, and fewer deaths from poisoning" (Eddleston, et al., 2002).

Gee, fewer deaths would be nice, eh?

⁴⁴ Note: "A child's brain is also more vulnerable because of the immaturity of the blood-brain-barrier, which is designed to protect it from toxins. Even in adults this barrier cannot protect the brain from many heavy metals and synthetic chemicals such as solvents and pesticides. In infants it is almost totally ineffective against most modern day chemicals. This dramatically increases the risk of both temporary and permanent damage to the brain. It's possible that early exposure to some chemicals may permanently reduce the effectiveness of the blood brain barrier, allowing increased passage of toxins to the brain, and increasing the person's vulnerability to certain chemicals throughout their life" (Dingle 2005). Again, **how many children live... anywhere near agriculture, parks and golf courses? Do any of these children matter? Or does only the convenience of NOW matter everywhere for the businesses, Councils and golf clubs that are more important than OUR VERY FUTURE... the future of this world locked inside our children?**

With respect to the precautionary principle, adopting programs with scheduled deadlines and targets in precise figures so as to achieve elimination or strictly regulated reduction in polluting substances emissions and in the utilization of marketed chemicals, such as pesticides, modeling the reduction in use implemented in Sweden, Denmark or Norway... (IDEA, 2006).

IN THIS INSANE, CHEMICALLY-ADDICTED WORLD IT IS NOT AGAINST THE LAW TO CHEMICALLY ASSAULT A PERSON: TO SPRAY POISON OVER AN INDIVIDUAL VIA THE SHEER STUPIDITY & NEGLIGENCE OF SPRAY DRIFT, OR SPLATTER TOXIC PESTICIDE INTO A FAMILY'S BACK YARD FROM AN ADJOINING PROPERTY. Even if that TOXIC AGENT *amplifies behavioural problems, generates learning difficulties, promotes joint pains, fatigue, leg cramps or restless leg syndrome (ruining sleep for hundreds of thousands worldwide)*⁴⁵, or spurs on the *CANCER pandemic*⁴⁶, or *ABORTS FOETUSES in humans, or is a potential SLATE-WIPER in the wider environment!* Even if the use of these chemicals stands as a statement of profound CHARACTER DESTRUCTION ON ALL LEVELS.

THIS IS THE SIGNATURE OF A TECHNOLOGIZED & BRUTALIZED SOCIETY INFATUATED WITH MONSTROUSLY TOXIC POISONS. A DUMB SOCIETY OUT OF TOUCH WITH THE *TRUE REALITY OF A PLANET DEMANDING RESPECT & COOPERATION SIMPLY BY VIRTUE OF ITS INHERENT MAKEUP & DESIGN*⁴⁷! **WHAT WE ARE DOING WITH CHEMICALS NOW HAS NO PRECEDENT IN HISTORY!**

Politicians of Australia & world leaders alike, **WE NEED THOSE LAWS. FIFTY YEARS AGO.**

Feel free to write or email me should you wish to follow up on this issue.

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⁴⁵ **Note first:** "This study explored the frequency of Restless Legs Syndrome in Parkinson's Disease. It focused on the clinical differences between patients with and without Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS). They used specific scales : Unified Parkinson's Disease Rating Scale (UPDRS I-IV), quality of life (Parkinson's Disease Questionnaire, PDQ 39), sleep symptoms (Parkinson's Disease Sleep Scale, PDSS), and diurnal hypersomnia (Epworth Sleepiness Scale). Over 20% of people with Parkinson's Disease were found to also suffer from Restless Legs Syndrome (RLS). RLS was found to be far more common in women. More than two thirds of those with RLS were women. Those with RLS suffered more from lack of sleep, and body discomfort" (Gomez-Esteban, et. al. 2007; cited by Viartis.net 2008).

Note second: "ScienceDaily (Mar. 18, 2003) — La Jolla, Calif. - Research at the Salk Institute has identified a gene that may link certain pesticides and chemical weaponry to a number of neurological disorders, including the elusive Gulf War syndrome and attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). The finding, published in the March 17 online version of Nature Genetics, is the first to demonstrate a clear genetic link between neurological disorders and exposure to **organophosphate chemicals**... "There have been anecdotal links made between **rises in ADHD, Parkinson's disease and other disorders and exposure to pesticides**," said Barlow, an adjunct faculty member at the Salk. "There also has been suspicion of a link to Gulf War syndrome. But scientists have been focusing on enzymes that act on acetylcholine neurotransmitters. This study shows that there may indeed be a **genetic connection that explains how organophosphates can cause these reactions**; it's just not what we assumed it would be." (ScienceDaily 2003; citing Salk Institute; my emphasis) This research shows that even the **so-called** noncholinesterase inhibiting organophosphate Roundup will become a nerve destroyer via our genes. Parkinson's disease and RLS become disturbingly linked via genes and organophosphates.

⁴⁶ "Another 200 chemicals are known to cause clinical neurotoxic effects in adults. [p.2167] Solvent neurotoxicity in adults is well known from acute poisoning cases and from occupational studies.⁶⁸ [p.2172] The five substances recognised as causes of developmental neurotoxicity show similar patterns in the development of scientific documentation of their risks. This pattern of discovery started in each instance with recognition of adult neurotoxicity, typically in people with occupational exposure, and of episodes of acute, high-dose poisoning in children.

The combined evidence suggests that neuro developmental disorders caused by industrial chemicals has created a silent pandemic in modern society. Although these chemicals might have caused impaired brain development in millions of children worldwide, the profound effects of such a pandemic are not apparent from available health statistics. Additionally, as shown by this Review, only a few chemical causes have been recognised so the full effects of our industrial activities could be substantially greater than recognised at present.

The consequences of a pandemic of developmental neurotoxicity extend beyond descriptive data for incidence and prevalence of clinically diagnosed disorders.^{1,3} Increased risk of Parkinson's disease⁹⁷ or other neurodegenerative diseases⁹⁸ is a further potential consequence of the pandemic." [p.2174]

Source: P Grandjean, PJ Landrigan 2006. Developmental neurotoxicity of industrial chemicals. Lancet 2006; 368: 2167–78. Published Online November 8, 2006. <http://www.sciencedirect.com>. DOI:10.1016/S0140-6736(06)69665-7. Institute of Public Health, University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark. (Prof P Grandjean MD); Department of Environmental Health, Harvard School of Public Health, Boston, MA, USA (P Grandjean); Department of Community Medicine (Prof PJ Landrigan MD); and Department of Pediatrics, Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY, USA (PJ Landrigan). <http://sciencedirect.com>.

⁴⁷ A "continuum of expectations" (Liedloff 1986).

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AN ENTIRE PLANET IN EXTREMIS.