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**MADGE Inc.**



## **Toxic levels for Australian drinking water**

A new study has found that the world's most commonly used weed killer, Roundup, is toxic to human cells at levels permitted in Australia's drinking water.

The study released by Flinders University in South Australia, tested the effects of Roundup, based on the levels deemed safe in Australian drinking water. The results found it caused human placental cell death. This study suggests that if these concentrations of Roundup are present in the body they may cause adverse health issues.

The study follows the World Health Organisation's assessment that Roundup is a probable human carcinogen.

In Sydney this week the Food, Family and Health speaking tour, brings together three international speakers to discuss the effects that Roundup and genetically-modified food are having on children's health and what can be expected for Australian children.

Dr Michelle Perro, a US paediatrician, has seen an increase in allergies and illnesses in children over the past ten years. These changes have been confirmed with alterations in children's blood and urine analysis' showing damage to the gut as well as other organs. These findings have been progressively trending upward.

"I want to share my experiences so you don't follow where we've already fallen" Dr Perro said.

"In my own clinical practice, approximately 90 per cent of my patients have disturbances in intestinal function corroborated by laboratory data. Food is a big part of this."

Over 80 per cent of genetically modified crops worldwide are designed to be sprayed with Roundup to control weeds.

Zen Honeycutt, real food advocate and founder of Moms Across America, who is currently touring Australia, shared her own children's experiences in their journey to better health.

"I just want future generations to be healthy. Although Australia's permitted Roundup levels for drinking water are much lower than the US, this study shows it is still not enough. These new findings are concerning and correlates with what we're seeing in the decline of our health, Ms Honeycutt said.

The Food, Family and Health talk tour is currently touring Australia, with evidence-based talks scheduled for Sydney and Auckland.

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### **Quick facts**

- MADGE Inc. was co-founded in 2007 by Jessica Harrison, Glenda Lindsay and Fran Murrell to address parents' concerns of food modification in Australia.
- Dr Michelle Perro is a US pediatrician specializing in helping children with food-related illnesses
- Zen Honeycutt is the founder of Moms Across America and real food advocate who has appeared on US television, CNN and Fox News

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