

LGOIMA reference – 2022/845

19 April 2022

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Dear [REDACTED],

### Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 24/03/2022. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

**Investigating fluoride in drinking water - For each water supply** (using Ministry of Health drinking water compliance codes) managed by your council, we are requesting information on:

- 1) Fluoridation status:** list of the years the water supply has been fluoridated. If no fluoridation has ever occurred at that water supply, indicate no fluoridation and ignore requests 2-5.

No fluoridation has occurred at any of the Horowhenua district's water supplies.

- 2) Interruptions to fluoridation:** Identification of any time periods where fluoridation was interrupted for substantial time periods (e.g. >3 months) for either technical issues (mechanic problems) or political decisions (cessation of water fluoridation). Please provide a date range.

Not applicable.

- 3) Fluoridation chemicals:** List of the fluoridation chemicals used at each site (e.g. sodium fluoride powder/crystals, sodium silicofluoride/fluosilicate, hydroflufosilicic/fluosilicic acid), the supplier of these chemicals, and example copy of the material safety data sheet for the product. Any records held with respect to any supplied fluoridation chemicals to have exceeded specific impurity limits, as set out in the Water New Zealand Good Practice Guide for supply of fluoride for use in water treatment.

Not applicable.

- 4) **Fluoride dosing system:** Type of feeder used (e.g. gravimetric dry feeder or volumetric dry feeder into a solution box or dissolver, or solution feeder). Type and number of fluoride analysers or metering system used in dosing system.

Not applicable.

- 5) **Quantifiable fluoride results:** Any quantifiable testing result for fluoride for your water supply. We are only interested in those water supplies **that are fluoridated**. Preferably data could be provided in a spreadsheet with the MoH compliance codes. We are seeking data as far back as records permit. If your council no longer stores this information, could you please provide permission to us to **contact your commercial testing laboratory supplier** for any achieved results held by them.

Not applicable.

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on 06 366 0999 or email - [LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely,



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