

Reference Number: 2026/1426

15 September 2026



Tēnā Koe

Thank you for your email dated 12 August 2026 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to Fluoride Data Information request. Specifically, you requested / Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

Background

In 2022 you assisted us with a request (*from Dr Tim Chambers then of the University of Otago*) for your community drinking water fluoride data.

In continuation of our research on fluoride in drinking water, we would like to make another request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) as follows.

In July 2022, the Director-General of Health issued a directive for water supplies in your jurisdiction to begin fluoridating. Can you please:

1. Confirm the treatment plant(s) and water distribution zone(s) now being fluoridated as a result of the directive (using Taumata Arowai Treatment and Zone IDs e.g. TP00001, WZ001WZ).
2. Confirm the date each water distribution zone started fluoridation in DD/MM/YYYY format.
3. Provide fluoride monitoring data in a table format (spreadsheet or CSV) including the Taumata Arowai supply component name, Treatment or Zone code, date of fluoride sample, fluoride value, unit of measure.

Data Storage and Use

The data will be used in the investigation of the fluoride in drinking water.

- The data will be stored securely by the University of Canterbury.
- The data will only be accessed by researchers involved in the study from the University of Canterbury.
- A copy of the results of the study will be provided to drinking water suppliers.
- The data sources will be acknowledged in any papers published.
- The data provided on each water supply may be used for future epidemiological studies by the University of Canterbury.

The Levin treatment plant, TP00142, and distribution zone LEV001LE are the only supplies where Horowhenua District Council has been directed to undertake fluoridation.

Fluoridation started on the 19/11/2024. For further information please see Horowhenua District Council webpage [Our supplies - Horowhenua District Council](#).

Fluoride monitoring data is continuous and not required by Taumata Arowai. CSV download of the Levin, TP00142, to Levin, LEV001LE, is attached. The units are mg/L. Please be aware that on four occasions the Fluoride dosing was stopped as issues in the process were resolved. The Ministry of Health was notified on each occasion.

Dates were as follows:

- 19/12/2025
- 21/04/2026
- 3/07/2026
- 11/07/2026

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Daniel Haigh on danielh@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@Horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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Executive Sponsor

If you would like a copy of an attachment associated with a request, please provide the relevant Reference No. and we will arrange for the attachment to be forwarded to you.