

Reference Number: 2026/1430

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Tēnā Koe

Thank you for your email dated 16 August 2026 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to Fluoridation information. Specifically, you requested / Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

What parts of the region under the council's jurisdiction are fluoridated?

Levin is the only township in Horowhenua that is fluoridated.

What fluoride chemicals are used to fluoridate the water supply?

Hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFA) is used to fluoridate the potable water supply

What company does the council source the fluoridation chemicals from?

IXOM

What level is water fluoridated at?

The Fluoride is dosed at a level to achieve 0.9mg/L to town.

How frequently is the level of fluoride in the water tested?

The fluoride is continuously monitored via the Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.

Who performs the testing?

The analyzers are from Prominent and the Potable Water Treatment Plant operators undertake any tests required.

Where is the wastewater discharged?

The Levin Potable Water treatment Plant is not connected to the town sewerage system. There is a septic tank on site for wastewater. Process water, i.e., from the filters is discharged back to the Ohau River post settlement ponds.

How much per annum is spent on fluoridation chemicals?

We ordered two deliveries of HFA in 25/26 FY at a total cost of \$7,495.96

How much per annum is spent on implementing water fluoridation?

There are no ongoing costs for implementation.

How much per annum is spent on testing the levels of water fluoridation?

Calibration standards and spare probes we spent \$14,030 including GST. Of interest \$1,326.76 was spent on the Fluoride Free Tap. We cannot isolate out the time the operators spent on fluoride over other plant processes

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.

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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.

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