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Tēnā koe

Request for information – Fluoride and Chlorine in Hutt Valley Water supplies

I refer to your Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987 request of 30 October 2024 to Hutt City Council (HCC) asking for information about the addition of chemicals to the Hutt Valley reticulated water supply.

Your request was transferred to from Hutt City Council to Wellington Water under section 12 of the Act, as they are the lead agency for HCC's waters infrastructure. Please refer to the appendix that responds to your questions on the following page.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at <u>www.ombudsman.parliament.nz</u> or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at https://www.wellingtonwater.co.nz/about-us/official-requests/official-information-act-responses/ with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email us at official.information@wellingtonwater.co.nz

Nāku noa, nā



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APPENDIX

1. Please also advise all chemicals, if any, which are added to this water - Buick Street Petone and the tap at the Dowse

The following link describes where the artesian water taps and natural spring water fountains are in Lower Hutt and what treatment is undertaken:

https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/environment-and-sustainability/water/natural-springs-and-fountains

2. Please advise if fluoride has been added to the Petone and Korokoro water supply and, if not, is it going to be added and when

I refer you to the <u>Hutt City Council water</u> supply website that provides further detail on what suburbs in Lower Hutt have fluoride added to the water source.

Fluoride has not been added to Petone or the lower part of Korokoro. The top half of Korokoro (above the Titiro Moana Reserve) is fed from Maungaraki, which is a fluoridated source.

2a. Is the Petone & Korokoro supply going to have Fl added to it at any date?

No date has been confirmed to the commencement of fluoridation in the unfluoridated parts of the Petone and Korokoro zone.

3. Advise the name of the fluoride added to the water.

Two forms of fluoride are used:

- Te Marua and Gear Island treatment plants: Liquid Hydrofluorosilicic Acid
- Waterloo and Wainuiomata treatment plants: Sodium Silicofluoride