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Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

We refer to your official information requests dated 11 February 2020, and 8 June 2021.

Please see below our responses to your questions.

1. At what times since 2007 has the warning (1) been on the Council's website and (2) not been on the Council's website.

Answer: Following a council meeting in August 2007 a notice was put on the Hutt City Council website in relation to information on fluoridation, particularly related to infant baby formula, so that parents and caregivers could make informed decisions.

We do not hold records of what the notice was, and when this was removed and reinstated. We are therefore declining this request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA as the information is not held.

Following your letter in February 2020 a notice was put up on the website directing people to the Ministry of Health guidelines.

2. All documents and communications relating to the removal of the infant formula warning from the Council's website from 2007 to date.

Answer: We hold no documents or communications regarding this warning on the website. We are declining this under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA as the information is not held.

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 www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Nāku noa, nā

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