

19 June 2023

Tania Beazley

s.7(2)(a)

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Our reference: LGOIMA

Dear Tania

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

We refer to your official information request dated 14 May 2023 for:

1. *All communication between the mayor and anyone else that discusses the subject of fluoridation/fluoride anywhere within the communication*
2. *All policy papers and/or advice prepared for the mayor and/or councillors about fluoridation*

The time period that applies to this request is 1 January 2023 to 14 May 2023, as per your email of 5 June 2023.

Communications to and from the mayor relating to fluoride or fluoridation are attached. Please note that some information has been withheld from this material under section 7(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals.

Policy papers or advice prepared for the mayor or elected officials about fluoride or fluoridation would have been discussed by the Wellington Water Committee, and documents for these meetings are available on the Hutt City Council's website. The only meeting of the Wellington Water Committee between 1 January 2023 and 14 May 2023 was that on 17 March 2023. Documents from this meeting are linked below.

http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/Open/2023/03/WWC_17032023_AGN_3126_AT.PDF

http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/Open/2023/03/WWC_17032023_MIN_3126_AT.PDF

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

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website. Please refer to the following link: www.huttcity.govt.nz/council/contact-us/make-an-official-information-act-request/proactive-releases

Yours sincerely



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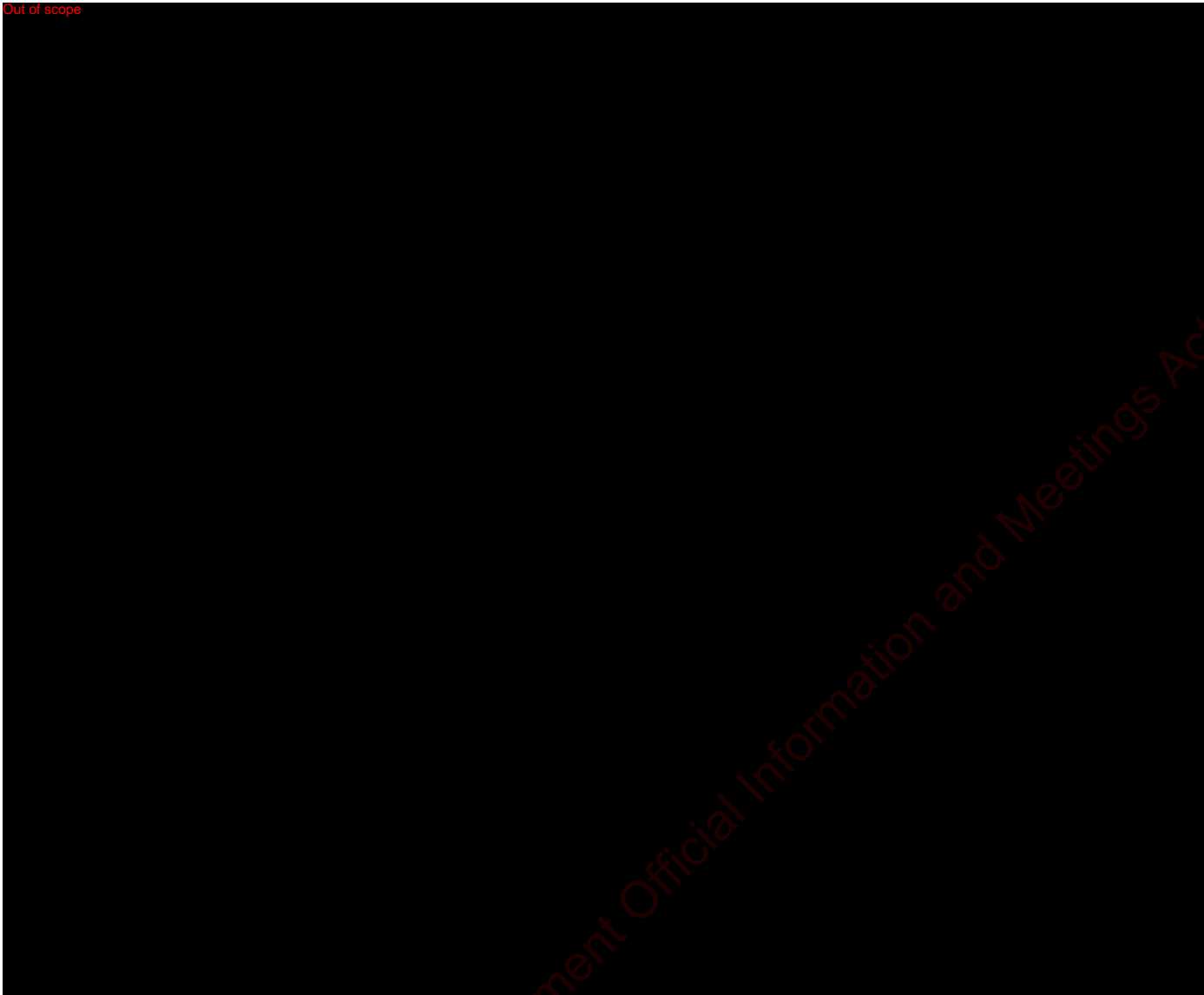
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From: Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 24 February 2023 3:32 pm
To: Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Email Update to Mayor and Councillors #3

Kia ora Mayor and Councillors,

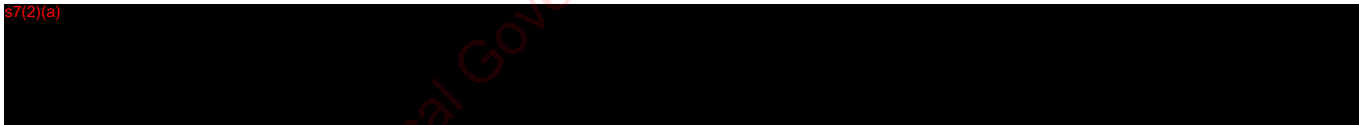
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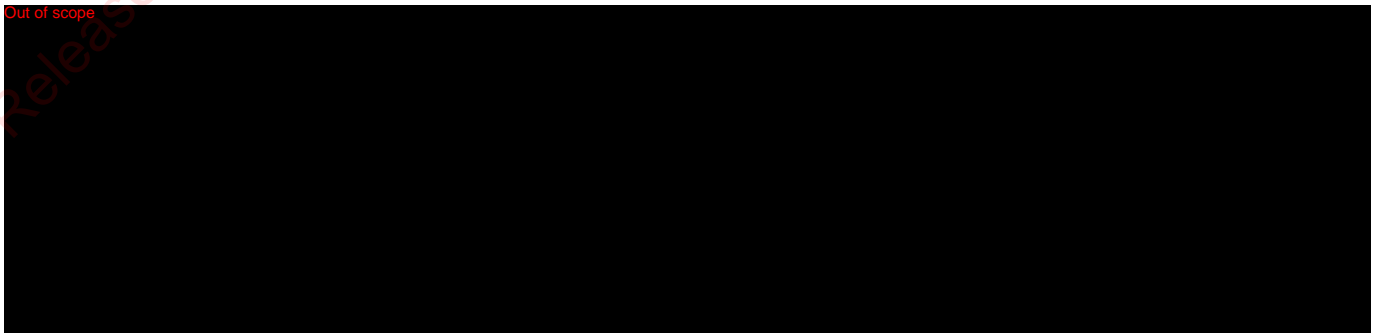


Wellington Water

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Wellington Water has advised that the Wainuiomata Water Treatment Plant will be temporarily switching off fluoride service next week to allow for maintenance work to be undertaken which is expected to take around a week to complete. The work will improve the accuracy of fluoride dosing control across all the plant's functions and systems. As well as letting us know Wellington Water has briefed Health New Zealand. Wainuiomata residents concerned about the temporary loss of fluoride service or seeking guidance on where to access fluoride tablets, should visit the Health New Zealand or New Zealand Dental Health Association websites. More information can be found [here](#).



Ngā mihi nui

Jo Miller

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From: s7(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 20 February 2023 11:25 am
To: Campbell Barry <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Annie Doornebosch <Annie.Doornebosch@huttcity.govt.nz>; s7(2)(a)

Subject: [EXTERNAL] FW: summary of papers

Mōrena Campbell,

I am finding my way through the CE work, and s7(2)(a) worked on a summary of all papers to be included as an attachment to the CE's report.

The intention was that this be circulated (via HCC's Water Committee support team) to all councils, to give them some visibility of the matters coming to the committee.

Would you like to continue with this? The previous iteration is attached.

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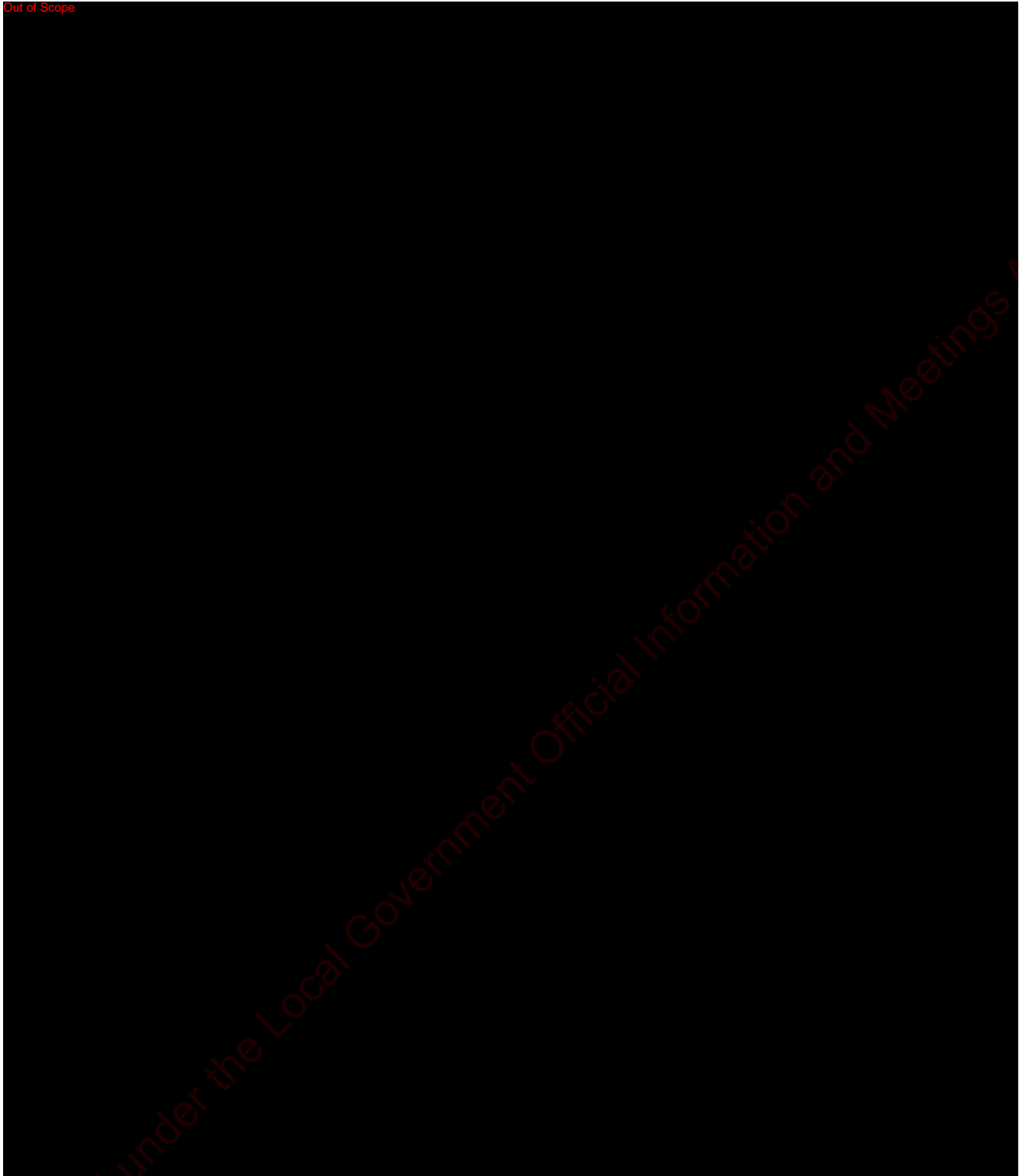


Company and Governance Update - Appendix 5: Water Committee Summary Report for Individual councils

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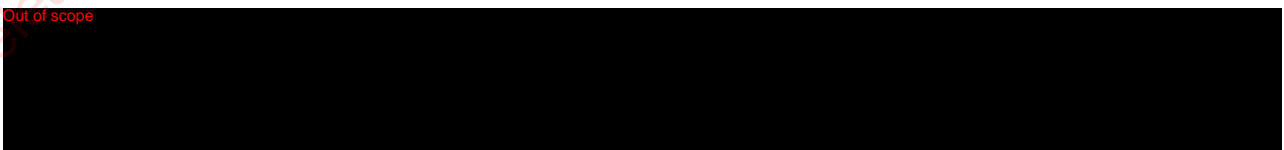


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C *Quarterly Regulatory Assurance Report, Q1 (July 2022 – Sept 2022)*

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17. This paper provides an overview of the assurance reporting carried out for each of these four authorities. It is noteworthy that Taumata Arowai's requirements are relatively new, while the

oversight by Manatū Hauora of fluoridation of water supplies is also a new requirement. GWRC is the consent manager for most of the hundreds of consents that the company works under.

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E. Company and Governance Update

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23. It notes the 2021-22 Annual Report's publication; Board committee structure; work to date on fluoridation of water supply; and quarterly performance reports.

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From: **Campbell Barry** <Campbell.Barry@huttcity.govt.nz>
To: **Hayley Singleton** <Hayley.Singleton@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Wellington Water Committee - 17 March 2023 - Summary Report from Wellington Water
Date: 14.03.2023 02:51:00 (+01:00)
Attachments: Wellington Water Committee 17 March 2023 - Company and Governance Update Appendix B Summary of Content.pdf (3 pages)

From: Annie Doornebosch <Annie.Doornebosch@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 14 March 2023 3:38 pm
To: __Mayor & Councillors <__Mayor&Councillors@huttcity.govt.nz>
Cc: Kathryn Stannard <Kathryn.Stannard@huttcity.govt.nz>; Hamish Bell <Hamish.Bell@huttcity.govt.nz>; Cam Meads <Cam.Meads@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Wellington Water Committee - 17 March 2023 - Summary Report from Wellington Water

Kia ora koutou

Mayor Barry as Chair of the Wellington Water Committee has asked that I circulate a summary of Wellington Water Limited reports being considered by the Wellington Water Committee this Friday 17 March 2023, to all Wellington Water member councillors.

This document is an appendix to the Wellington Water Company Update report on the Committee agenda. The summary is intended to provide visibility for elected members of the work provided by Wellington Water Limited.

Wellington Water Committee's membership includes the mayors of South Wairarapa District Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council and Wellington City Council, and a councillor of Greater Wellington Regional Council, along with representatives from iwi mana whenua. These councils are shareholders in Wellington Water Limited.

The Committee meets five times a year to provide governance and leadership across issues related to the planning, delivery and management of water services to communities serviced by Wellington Water Limited.

The link to the agenda is below, it has also been loaded to Diligent:
http://infocouncil.huttcity.govt.nz/Open/2023/03/WWC_17032023_AGN_3126_AT.PDF

A separate email will be sent to other member councils.

Ngā mihi
Annie

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**Appendix 2: Summary for councillors of papers to the Wellington Water Committee meeting,
Friday, 17 March, 2023**

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Company and Governance Update

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2. It also sets out updates on company activities in the framework of the Committee priorities including capital programme delivery, workforce capability and water reform; and provides an update on fluoride and water loss.

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Wellington Water Ltd Half-year report, as at 31 December 2022

19. The report notes that staff are increasingly engaging with the work of transition to a new water services entity; and that the work of the fluoride enquiry was closed in September 2022. It also includes financial statements for the company.

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From: Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 10 January 2023 9:36 am
To: __Mayor & Councillors <__Mayor&Councillors@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Fluoridation

Kia ora,

You'll recall that at the 22 November Council meeting last year I referred to a letter I had received from the Director General of Health, Dr Diana Sarfati seeking responses on key questions in relation to the fluoridation of the drinking water supplies in Petone and Korokoro.

At the Council meeting I advised that I was awaiting advice from Wellington Water on the matters raised in the letter. I have now received that advice and incorporated the feedback into a letter that I propose to send to Dr Sarfati by the end of next week. A copy of the letter is attached.

If you have any feedback please get in touch.

Ngā mihi nui

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16 January 2023

Dr Diana Sarfati
Te Tumu Whakarae mo te Hauora
Director- General of Health

Via email: Fluoride@health.govt.nz

Tēnā koe Dr Sarfati

RE: Community Water Fluoridation

Thank you for your letter of 3 November 2022 regarding the fluoridation of drinking water supplies for the suburbs of Petone and Korokoro in our City.

I advise that we have conferred with Wellington Water Limited (WWL), the CCO managing the delivery of 3 water services in Lower Hutt and our trusted advisors, who have provided us with the following information in respect of the matters you have raised.

Information about drink water supplies for Hutt City Council

Local Authority	Reticulated drinking water supply name	Water supply pop	Estimated number of months to fluoridate if a direction is given and funding available	Estimated capital works cost to fluoridate	Estimated ongoing mgmt. & monitoring costs	Additional comments
Hutt City Council	Petone	7491	0.5 months	Nil	Negligible	Fluoridation of Korokoro and Petone can be achieved by changing the water supply for those areas to the fluoridated supply from Waterloo Water Treatment Plant. Given the small population of these areas in comparison to the metropolitan Wellington population the cost is not significant.
	Korokoro	1482	0.5 months	Nil	Negligible	

I further advise that permitting the fluoridation of Petone and Korokoro has the additional benefit of allowing WWL to explore options to re-configure the Waterloo Water Treatment

Plant to provide Wainuiomata with fluoridated water in the peak weeks of summer. This will improve the public health outcomes for the Wainuiomata community.

Please let me know if you require additional information on this. I look forward to receiving further advice from you in due course.

Ngā mihi nui,

Jo Miller
Chief Executive

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From: Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 January 2023 12:54 pm
To: Jo Miller <Jo.Miller@huttcity.govt.nz>
Subject: Email update to Mayor and Councillors #1 2023

27 January 2023

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As per my email to you on 10 January I wrote formally to the Director- General of Health responding to questions in relation to the fluoridation of the drinking water supplies in Petone and Korokoro. I will be in touch again on this once their advice is received.

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Ngā mihi nui,

Jo

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On 24/04/2023, at 6:05 PM, s7(2)(a) wrote:

Campbell,

Thanks this response from your PA.

It is great that this subject is under "discussion" with the relevant people.

However just like the Wellington Water issue with fluoridation (or lack of it) I thought that this matter should have been on a risks list for the Civil Defence people representing Hutt.

If so then this matter should be more advanced than in discussions.

We can learn from past experiences.

With winter approaching and likely to be wetter than the wet one last year if climate change is a key factor then I for one, would like to know a little bit more about where the subject lies- without going into too much detail.

Appreciate your feedback.

Cheers

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