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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 25 July 2024 seeking information about the grade of fluoride to be added to the Dannevirke Water Supply.

We have been in contact with the supplier and they confirm that their fluoridation products meet the standard outlined in the Water New Zealand Good Practice Guide for Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies in New Zealand which is based upon the requirements of the Water Services (Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand) Regulations 2022.

Ngā mihi



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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 3:59 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement - request for information re grade of fluoride to be added to Dannevirke Water Supply

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding the grade of fluoride to be added to the Dannevirke Water Supply.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 22 August 2024, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Thursday, July 25, 2024 2:53 PM

To: 'Fluoride Free Tararua' <cleanwatertararua@gmail.com>; Alison Franklin <Alison.Franklin@Tararua.govt.nz>; Naioma Chase <Naioma.Chase@Tararua.govt.nz>; Kerry Sutherland <Kerry.Sutherland@Tararua.govt.nz>; Tracey Collis <Tracey.Collis@Tararua.govt.nz>; Erana Peeti-Webber <Erana.Peeti-Webber@Tararua.govt.nz>; Scott Gilmore <Scott.Gilmore@Tararua.govt.nz>; Michael Long <Michael.Long@Tararua.govt.nz>; Peter Johns <Peter.Johns@Tararua.govt.nz>; Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Tararua.govt.nz>; Sharon Wards <Sharon.Wards@Tararua.govt.nz>; Steve Wallace <Steve.Wallace@Tararua.govt.nz>; Bryan Nicholson <Bryan.Nicholson@Tararua.govt.nz>

Cc: 'Fluoride Free Tararua' <cleanwatertararua@gmail.com>

Subject: CM: RE: Alternative Fluoride Free Water Source

Importance: High

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Dear Mayor Tracey and Tararua District Council

I just wanted to fully support and endorse what Linda Manning has written to you in her previous emails about an alternative fluoride free source of water for Dannevirke - as per her emails below.

It is both shocking and appalling that our Council is so arrogant and dismissive of our request for a separate non-fluoridated source of water to be provided for the community in Dannevirke. Has the Council considered how easily this could be achieved? Arrangements could be made for a tanker of clean un-fluoridated water to be parked in an easily accessible place. We agree that this is not the most ideal solution - the most ideal solution for the majority of us would be to not have fluoride put in the Dannevirke water at all - but provision of a water source that is clean and without any toxic waste added to it is definitely preferable to there being no alternative clean water source at all.

Referring specifically now to the fluoride that is going to be put into the Dannevirke water supply as per the Government directive and under the Official Information Act - can you please answer this question:
Is the fluoride that will be put into the water supply in Dannevirke pharmaceutical

grade - BP grade?

For your information:

BP grade is also known as **pharmaceutical grade** and is analogous to the American USP Grade. These products must conform to the standards set out by the British Pharmacopoeia in terms of **purity and lack of contaminants**.

<https://www.google.com/search?client=firefox-b-d&q=bp+pharmaceutical+grade>

Thank you for your prompt reply to my question above and I would also appreciate your comments regarding the suggestion that an accessible tanker could provide an alternative fluoride free source of water for the people of Dannevirke.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Forwarded message -----

From: [REDACTED]

Date: Thu, Jul 25, 2024 at 10:58 AM

Subject: Re: ACCESS TO UNCONTAMINATED WATER

To: Tracey Collis <Tracey.Collis@tararua.govt.nz>

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Dear Mayor Tracey and Tararua District Council,

Further to my reply to you yesterday regarding this Council's responsibility to supply a source of un-fluoridated water for the people of Dannevirke.

Please read the third sentence of this portion of the Health Act regarding fluoridation which can be found by following the link below.

There is absolutely no reason why TDC cannot provide this essential service to our community.

We await your reply,

[REDACTED]

Fluoride Free Tararua

A direction must specify a date by which the local authority must comply with the

direction, which must not be earlier than the date by which the Director-General considers it would be reasonably practicable for the local authority to comply.

(2)

A direction to add fluoride to drinking water must specify the level at which fluoride must be added.

(3)

A direction to add fluoride to drinking water may allow the local authority to supply, at 1 or more specified sites, water to which fluoride has not been added.

Section 116F: inserted, on 13 December 2021, by [section 5](#) of the Health (**Fluoridation** of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 (2021 No 44).

https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1956/0065/latest/LMS629893.html?search=sw_096be8ed81e62f5d_fluoridation_25_se&p=1

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: Fluoride Free Tararua [<mailto:cleanwatertararua@gmail.com>]

Sent: 24 July 2024 2:21 pm

To: Alison Franklin; Naioma Chase; Kerry Sutherland; Tracey Collis; Erana Peeti-Webber; Scott Gilmore; Michael Long; Peter Johns; Allie Dunn; Sharon Wards; Steve Wallace; Bryan Nicholson

Subject: Alternative Fluoride Free Water Source

Dear Mayor Tracey and Tararua District Council,

I am absolutely shocked by your response to our request for a separate supply of fluoride free water to be made available to the residents of Dannevirke.

I know that our members and many other residents of Dannevirke will be appalled at the unwillingness of this Council to actually put the health and wellbeing of our community ahead of all other matters.

Your first statement that, for the Council to supply an alternative source of water without added fluoride would not meet the directive, is quite frankly appalling when we have been led to believe that water fluoridation is all about the dental health of local children and that is the main reason for Council being so willing to comply with the directive. To now state that for Council to make a fluoride free tap available would go against the directive is an admission that this whole issue is about forcing people to comply with a medical treatment that many of us do not wish to participate in. This is unlawful under the NZ Bill of Rights Act and it will not be tolerated by locals.

We have pointed out to you already that there are people in our community who are seriously concerned about the impact of fluoride on their health and on the health of their children and future generations of children. We have informed you about the risks to unborn and bottle fed babies, the risks to those with kidney disease, thyroid issues and other health concerns. These people simply must have access to unfluoridated drinking water and this Council has the responsibility to provide that water free of any extra charge.

For you to say that residents have the option to supply their own water is utterly unacceptable. Many people will be unable to afford to filter the fluoride out of the water before they drink it, let alone be able to pay for their own separate water supply. This sounds like a very callous and completely uncaring comment about our local

community.

Other Councils are already supplying fluoride free water, and in some cases chlorine free water, for their residents to collect free of charge. Details of these Councils are listed below.

Your refusal to supply a source of water that is uncontaminated by fluoride is completely unacceptable. We most strongly urge you to look again and to ensure that an alternative supply of water will be made available for the residents of Dannevirke before you start adding fluoride. That is all we are asking for - a tap to be available somewhere in town where local people may collect clean water for their personal use.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Hamilton has two fluoridation-free taps. One in Claudelands and the other in the Taitua Arboretum outlet. See press release by Fluoride Free Hamilton for details.

Taupo According to the Taupo Council **Acacia Bay** has a separate water system from Taupo and does not get fluoridated

Hastings, Havelock North and Flaxmere, There are two fluoridation-free taps. One at Civic Square, Hastings Library on the corner of Warren and Eastbourne Streets. The other is on privately owned land at 37 Station Street, Whakatu which has an official tap like the library.

Palmerston North – Massey, Bunnythorpe and Longburn are not fluoridated. There is also a fluoride and chlorine free tap installed on the eastern side of the yellow building closest to the Papaioea Park entrance on Featherston Street. See Palmerston North city council page for more info.

Masterton – at the entrance of “Manuka Reserve”, Manuka st, Lansdowne, Masterton. This water is cleaned using UV rather than chlorine

Kapiti, Paekakariki and Otaki are both non-fluoridated. The council has put in a public tap in **Paekakariki** where people can collect fluoride-free water.

Wellington you can go to the fountain in **Petone**. The fountain is located on Buick Street off Jackson Street. Click here to view a map of the Petone fountain delivering fluoride free water! There is also another tap providing the same non-fluoridated, unchlorinated water as Petone outside the Dowse in Lower Hutt.

Dunedin – there is a tap outside the Speights brewery that is open to public use which has not had added fluoridation-chemicals.

On Wednesday, July 24th, 2024 at 11:26 AM, Tracey Collis
<Tracey.Collis@Taranuadc.govt.nz> wrote:

Mōrena [REDACTED]

Council is unable to provide a separate supply of unfluoridated water.

Firstly, the directive is to add fluoride to our public supply and any separate supply would not meet this direction.

Secondly, the layout of the water treatment plant makes this physically

impossible.

I have also looked at an alternate supply which has also come back as not possible.

Residents who do not wish to have fluoridated water have the option of removing themselves from the supply and moving to self-supply however this would be at their own personal cost. A half charge water connection would apply due to the ability to be able to connect back to town water.

Ngā mihi nui

Tracey



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2024 4:15 PM

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Dear Tracey,

Your email and the attachment are so very discouraging but we will not be put off.

Our opposition to the fluoridation of our water supply remains firm.

We now request that this Council provide for the people of Dannevirke a continuous and easily

accessible supply of non-fluoridated water.

This needs to be made available 24/7 in a convenient place and without charge for pregnant mothers, parents of bottle fed babies and others concerned for their health.

We request that this clean water source be in place before you begin putting fluoride in the drinking water.

Thank you,

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