
From: Felix Desmarais [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2022 3:25 pm
To: Steve Chadwick
Subject: Re: Query: Fluoridation directive announcement

Thank you Steve!

From: Steve Chadwick <Steve.Chadwick@rotorualc.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2022 3:23 pm
To: Felix Desmarais <felix.desmarais@nzme.co.nz>; News Rotorua <News.Rotorua@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Query: Fluoridation directive announcement

Felix,

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Steve

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Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2022 12:48 PM
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Kia ora

See below the Ministry of Health announcement.

Could I please have some comments in reaction to this announcement from the council and mayor?

And can I ask why Rotorua's water wasn't already fluoridated?

The deadline for that will be 3.30pm today. Appreciate this is a tighter turnaround than usual but its live news and public interest.

Thanks very much

Felix

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For more information contact:

Peter Abernethy 021 366 111

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FELIX DESMARAIS

[Local Democracy Reporter](#) | Editorial



ME: My pronouns are he/him

**please note my hours are normally 7.30am - 4pm Monday to Friday. I may not reply or see an email outside of these times.*

From: Daz Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2022 4:15 pm
To: Steve Chadwick
Cc: #dl-amshow-producers; News Rotorua
Subject: AM Ask - Steve Chadwick - 28/07

Hi Steve,

Producer Daz Martin from AM on TV3 here.

We're looking to cover today's government announcement on water fluoridation and were keen to get a response from you on this, with a view to an interview tomorrow morning.

Keen to get a quick response on the questions below:

- * Will Council look to push back on the government's directive?
- * Is the money the government is providing enough?
- * Had Council considered fluoridation previously / why had this not previously been enacted?
- * Has there been community push-back from the announcement?

It would be great to know if you might be available for an interview with us between 0650-0730 tomorrow morning?

Kind regards,

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Daz Martin (he/him)
Set Up Producer - AM



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From: Ingrid Tiriana
Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2022 5:11 pm
To: Steve Chadwick
Subject: NOTES FOR AM SHOW
Attachments: Mayor - briefing notes for AM Show 28 July 2022 re fluoridation.docx; Fluoridation - MOH news release.docx

Hi Steve,

Attached are notes for your AM Show interview tomorrow (Thursday 28 July) morning between 6.50am and 7.30am re directive to fluoridate two of our drinking water supplies.

They are yet to confirm a time and send Zoom link but will do so this evening the guy assured me.

If there's anything missing from the notes that you think you need please feel free to call me and I'll send additional info.

For your reference if wanted/needed, I've also attached the MOH news release issued today relating to the directives.

nga mihi

Ingrid

Ingrid Tiriana Kaihautū Whakapā/Council Communications Manager

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Notes for AM Show 28 July 2022 (between 6.30am and 7.30am)

Zoom link to come

- Council issued with a directive from the Director-General of Health to fluoridate the district's central and eastern drinking water supplies.
- Directive made under legislation that came into effect last year, moving decision-making on fluoridation of drinking water from local authorities to the Director-General of Health/Ministry of Health.
- RLC among 14 councils directed to add fluoride to some or all of their water supplies – the first time this power has been used.
- Director-General of Health, Dr Ashley Bloomfield, says fluoridation is proven to be safe, affordable and effective in preventing tooth decay.
- Having received notification council staff will now look at the necessary steps needed to take to implement the directive.
- This will include drinking water treatment plant upgrades for the central and eastern supplies.
- Funding will be worked through
- It would be my expectation that any funding covers the full capital costs involved in implementing the health directive
- Fluoridation is a policy matter that has been considered a number of times by elected members in the past with voting by successive Councils going against introducing fluoride to our water supplies.
- Fluoridation was most recently considered in 2014.
- Fluoridation is always a controversial and often emotive topic
- I have always believed decisions about fluoridating or not should sit with health authorities that are responsible for public health, rather than leaving it to local authorities.

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- As a former health professional and former associate minister of health, I personally support fluoridation as a public health initiative
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- Will be interested to see what impact this has on the oral health of our community over time – it will take some years for us to see that.
- The directive for RLC covered 2 of our 9 drinking water supplies
- These service about 60,000 people
- Cost vs benefit has been a consideration in the Director-General of Health's decision making so presume it did not stack up to include our other drinking supplies at this time

Ministry of Health news release

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From: Daz Martin [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, 27 July 2022 7:07 pm
To: Steve Chadwick
Cc: #dl-amshow-producers; Ingrid Tiriana
Subject: AM Interview Confirmation - Steve Chadwick - 28/07
Attachments: AM Skype_Zoom_FaceTime Guide.docx

Hi Steve,

Thanks for your time, we're looking forward to having you on AM.

To confirm – here are all the details:

Please note the Zoom invite will be sent separately, we will request this today however our control room may not send it to you until around 5.30am on the morning of your interview.

- Who: Steve Chadwick - Designation: Rotorua Lakes Mayor - **Contact: Please confirm best contact number should we need to contact you in the morning**
- What: Live interview with Co-hosts Ryan Bridge and Melissa Chan-Green discussing government directive to add fluoride to drinking water
- When: Thursday 28 July
- Time: 0650 on air. Please be ready to go from about twenty minutes before the on-air time. The control room will be in touch anytime between 10-20 minutes before the cross to check the shot and the audio. (I've attached our Zoom/Skype/Facetime guide with some helpful tips).
- Social Media: Feel free to send through your Twitter/Instagram handle if you have one. We would love to promote your appearance via our social media outlets!
- Online: Unfortunately due to the high volume of content we produce, we can't guarantee your interview will be posted on our digital assets. If you'd like to review your appearance, we suggest recording it on your own device.
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Please let us know if you have any questions.

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Daz Martin (he/him)
Set Up Producer - AM

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Thank you so much for joining us, we're looking forward to having you on AM via Zoom/FaceTime/Skype.

We've put together some top tips to make sure you look your best on your screen, so you look even better around the country on ours.

Just a quick note that we can't support Skype for Business, so it needs to be regular Skype, please!

Sounding good...

The most important thing is to have earbuds in or your headphone plugged into your device - it creates better sound and is a bit less clunky on screen. Headphones or a standard mobile phone handsfree, with a microphone built in, are preferable. Also, a carpeted room delivers better sound.

Looking good...

Make sure the camera is at eye-level. If necessary, prop it up with books or similar. Get creative!

Ensure your head fits into the upper two-thirds of the screen, with a decent amount of shoulders in shot below - this will ensure your mouth doesn't disappear into all the vital breakfast TV information we display in the bottom third!

Don't sit up against a blank wall as it can make you look a bit flat. The best background is something with a bit of detail / some decor, which will give you some depth-of-field.

Here is an example of good framing:



Where to from here ...

Our MCR (master control room) will give you a call 10-15 minutes beforehand to test the audio and check the shot and do a couple more technical things before they put you in touch with our control room and the hosts.

Catch you in the AM!

From: Steve Chadwick
Sent: Thursday, 4 August 2022 2:53 pm
To: JBCL
Subject: Re: Fluoridation of Public Water Supplies

Thanks Jeff

We saw the plant that was decommissioned on a site visit. Hope they can get it to spring into action. It's the funding we will be negotiating. I am relieved this one decision didn't come to politicians again.
Cheers and can't wait for the next life challenges.

Sent from my iPad

On 4/08/2022, at 1:23 PM, JBCL [REDACTED] wrote:

Greetings Steve,

I hope you are managing to keep fit and well and only suffering mild Covid or the Flu.

I note in the Daily Post that the Council acting infrastructure and environmental solutions deputy chief executive Regan Fraser said the council would consider the information provided and look at the necessary steps it needed to take to implement the directive. It would include drinking water treatment plant upgrades for the central and eastern supplies.

You may like to inform this person that at the Central Water supply springs there is already the building infrastructure in place and that all that is required is the Mechanical Plant to inject the solution. This solution should be up and running prior to Xmas 2022 at the very latest.

Regarding the Eastern supply, I understand that the existing spring water already contains a degree of natural fluorine, so installing a treatment plant at the Eastern springs again should not be very onerous. A little bit of history for you, Fluoridation of the Central Supply was undertaken in the early 1980's after receiving a Government Subsidy, but due to a minority of ratepayers complaining the Council of the day decreed that it should cease. The mechanical equipment was uninstalled and sold to Taupo District Council mid 1980's with the Ministry of Health's blessing.

If I don't get to see you before you retire Enjoy It, you deserve it ☺

Regards

Jeff Booth
[REDACTED]

From: Peter Woods
Sent: Tuesday, 9 August 2022 3:16 pm
To: Steve Chadwick
Subject: Fwd: Bloomfield orders councils to start fluoridation or else!

Hi Steve,

You might be interested in the latest Newsletter from Fluoride Free NZ.
Scroll down and check out the latest stats of dental decay in 5 year olds. Non-fluoridated areas are currently doing better than fluoridated areas!

We had our fluoride filter fitted in our kitchen today, getting on the ready to get rid of this **neurotoxin poison** from our water supply.
Have you ordered yours?



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Bloomfield orders councils to start fluoridation or else!

Councils face hundreds of thousands of dollars in fines if they do not comply with the latest diktats from the Ministry of Health. Bloomfield's parting shot as he left the Ministry of Health last week, was to order 14 councils to start fluoridation or else. This is despite [Information received under the Official Information Act](#) showing that (as at the 5th of July) the Director General had not completed, or indeed appears to have even undertaken, any of the legislative requirements. Another OIA has been sent to see exactly what legislative requirements were completed before the directives were sent.

So far the community of Waipa is voicing opposition (see below). We need people in each of the 14 councils to start a local campaign. Going to local Freedom group meetings to find like-minded people is a good start. Then speaking at your local council will get the ball rolling. If you need help to get started, please contact us. We need the councils to fight back in the same way some of the councils are fighting back against Three Waters.

The Councils were:

Auckland (Onehunga and Hui Village), Hastings, Horowhenua (Levin), Kawerau, Nelson, New Plymouth, Rotorua Lakes, Tararua, Tauranga City, Waipa (Cambridge), Waitaki (Oamaru), Western Bay of Plenty, Far North (Kerikeri and Kaitiaki) and Whangārei councils will have between six months and over three years, depending on the circumstances, to fluoridate parts of their water supply that were not already fluoridated.

The councils have been given between one and three years to get fluoridation up and running. Under the Health Act, councils would be liable for a fine of up to \$200,000 plus \$10,000 for every DAY the order is not complied with.



One-sided reporting

The mainstream media have been steadily becoming more one-sided and since COVID this has accelerated.

In the past, news such as 14 councils being ordered to fluoridate would have seen us inundated with enquiries from MSM. However, this time, the only outlet that contacted us was TV3 and they only showed a very small snippet of Whangareia dentist Lawrie Brett. ([See TV3 item](#))

Our press releases that have been picked up by The Daily Telegraph:



Waipa fights back

On Tuesday, Kane Titchener, Te Awamutu community board member, gave a presentation to the Waipa council. Around 60 people turned up with very short notice to support him. See the very interesting [presentation and the questions from the councillors](#) (start at 4 minutes in).

[Te Awamutu News](#)

"Furious anti-fluoride protesters called district councillors "criminals" this week and appeared to hold them responsible for the Ministry of Health's move to order communities to add fluoride to water.

[WELLINGTON WATER SAVES](#)

[CHILDREN'S IQS – ALBEIT](#)

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[NEW ZEALAND](#)

['ANTI-SCIENCE, FANATICISM AND](#)

[FANTASY BEHIND FLUORIDATION](#)

[DIRECTIVE', SAY FLUORIDE FREE NZ](#)

MSM articles:

[Dr Ashley Bloomfield orders 14 councils'](#)

[water supplies to be fluoridated](#)

[Fluoride to be added to some local](#)

[authority water supplies](#)

[No timeframe for fluoridating](#)

[Christchurch's water, while misinformation](#)

[grows](#)

[New Plymouth council ordered to](#)

[fluoridate water, pro-fluoride campaigners](#)

[rejoice](#)

[Fluoridation not yet set to flow through](#)

[Tasman water supplies](#)

They filled the Waipā chambers in Te Awamutu when councillors debated director general Ashley Bloomfield's parting gesture as part of its draft Water Supply bylaw"

[Cambridge News](#)

"The council would be in breach of its water policy if it decided to go ahead with water fluoridation," Titchener said.

He asked the council to tell the Ministry of Health not to fluoridate Cambridge or any other Waipā township due to the latest science which he said showed a lowering of IQ because of fluoride exposure.

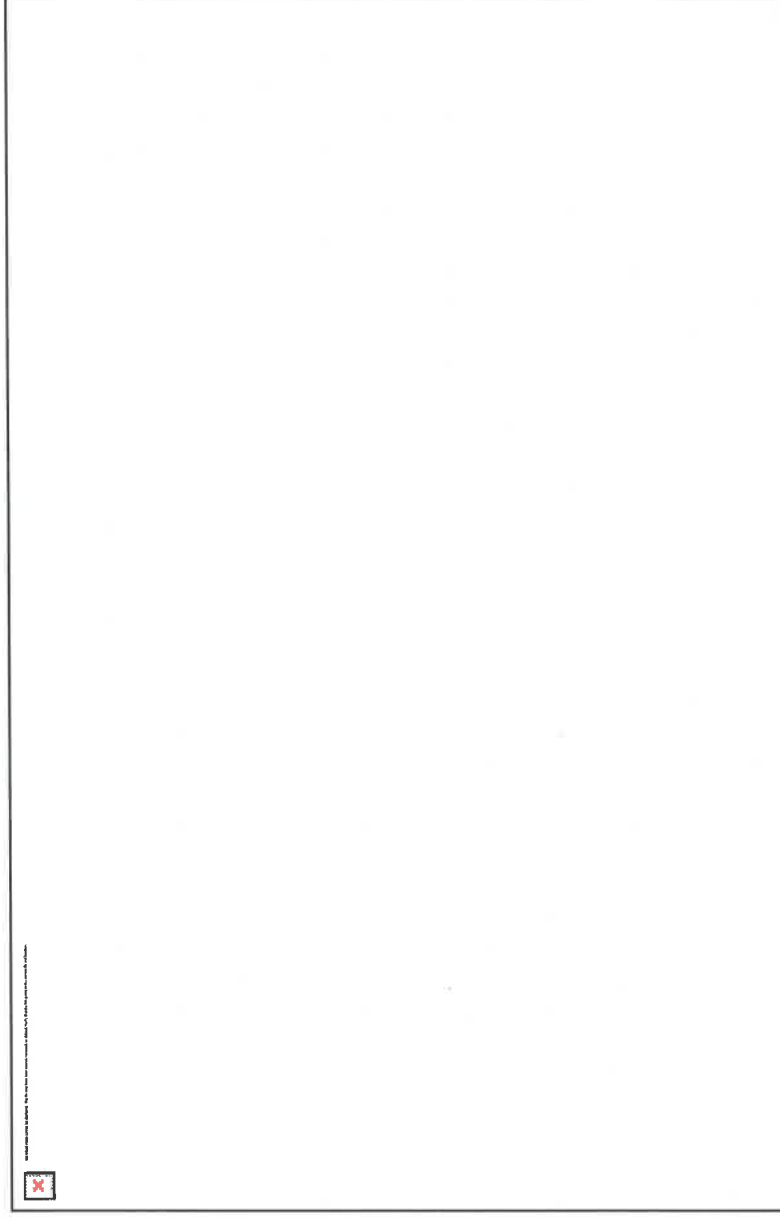
Titchener said an alternative to fluoridation was the Scotland Childsmile Programme, funded by the Scottish government and introduced 11 years ago, which sees every child provided with a dental pack containing a toothbrush and a tube of fluoridated toothpaste.

In addition, every three and four year old child attending nursery gets free, daily, supervised toothbrushing."

The Real Dental Decay Rates in NZ

The Ministry of Health collects statistics from the [NZ School Dental Service](#). Every year they provide the percentage of children with no dental decay and the average number of fillings for those that do have decay. They provide these figures for 5 year olds and Year 8 children for every year since 1990. There are about 45,000 children in each age group.

Below graph shows average number of fillings and number of children with decay for five year olds from 2001 to 2020 (latest data). Over that time the gap has become non-existent because the rates of decay in fluoridated areas have not improved but the rates in non-fluoridated areas has improved. [See more....](#)





Please help us buy more flyers

We have used all the flyers that we printed last year going to various places around the country. We will be getting another lot printed that will be focused on the fact that fluoride lowers IQ. Our page [Fluoride Research since the 2014 Government Review](#), gives a good overview of what research has been published in recent years and highlights has inadequate and outdated the current Ministry of Health recommendations are.

You are receiving this newsletter because you have indicated interest in this issue at some stage.

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From: Sovereign Elections <election@sovereign.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 9 August 2022 8:12 pm
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Subject: Petition to collectively engage in judicial vetoing of fluoridation order
Attachments: FLpetition.docx

You are receiving this e-mail because you are one of the 14 councils who have been issued a Fluoridation Order in late July: Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Waitaki District Council, Waipa District Council, Tauranga City Council, Tararua District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, New Plymouth District Council, Nelson City Council, Kawerau District Council, Horowhenua District Council, Hastings District Council, Auckland Council.

Costs are estimated to exceed \$150m, which do not include ongoing operation and maintenance. The bill is to be covered by ratepayers.

Beside being a budget burden, water fluoridation reduces children's intelligence by as much if not more than Leaded petrol and will affect them for the rest of their lives.

"[Green 2019](#) showed IQ damage in the womb from fluoridated water, especially for boys. [Goodman 2022](#) showed that Iodine deficiency in the mother (common in NZ) made this even worse. [Till 2020](#) showed IQ damage from bottle-feeding with fluoridated water. [Riddell 2019](#) showed an increase in ADHD from fluoridated water.»

Indiscriminate Fluoridation Order violates Section 3A of Health Act 1956. Which states:

“Function of Ministry in relation to public health.

Without limiting any other enactment or rule of law, and without limiting any other functions of the Ministry or of any other person or body, the Ministry shall have the function of improving, promoting, and protecting public health.”

Please see attached Petition to Collectively Engage in Judicial Vetoing of Fluoridation Order.



09/08/2022

From: election@sovereign.nz

To: The CEOs of Far North District Council, Whangarei District Council, Western Bay of Plenty District Council, Waitaki District Council, Waipa District Council, Tauranga City Council, Tararua District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, New Plymouth District Council, Nelson City Council, Kawerau District Council, Horowhenua District Council, Hastings District Council, Auckland Council.

Re: Petition to collectively engage in judicial vetoing of fluoride order

LGA 2002 requires councils to protect the public from nuisance and promote and maintain public health.

- Harvard study [PMC3491930](#), funded by NIH, calls fluoride "a developmental neurotoxicant that affects brain development at exposures much below those that can cause toxicity in adults" and "rats exposed to 1 ppm (50 Smol/L) of water-fluoride for one year showed morphological alterations in the brain and increased levels of aluminum in brain tissue compared with controls"
- «Long-term accumulative exposures to fluoride even at low levels carries a risk of sub-clinical or stage-1 musculo-skeletal fluorosis presenting as joint pain or arthritis.»
 - <https://journal.nzma.org.nz/journal-articles/a-case-of-skeletal-fluorosis>
- Seek judicial veto on delivering fluoridated water to municipalities as the Fluoridation Order violates Section 3A of Health Act 1956 when applied to the developing sector of the population. Fluoridation of municipal water is done under the pretense of oral health which can be achieved with fluoridated dental products.

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LGA 2002 requires councils to protect the public from nuisance and promote and maintain public health.

- Harvard study [PMC3491930](#), funded by NIH, calls fluoride “*a developmental neurotoxicant that affects brain development at exposures much below those that can cause toxicity in adults*” and “*rats exposed to 1 ppm (50 Smol/L) of water-fluoride for one year showed morphological alterations in the brain and increased levels of aluminum in brain tissue compared with controls*”
- «*Long-term accumulative exposures to fluoride even at low levels carries a risk of sub-clinical or stage-1 musculo-skeletal fluorosis presenting as joint pain or arthritis.*»
 - <https://journal.nzma.org.nz/journal-articles/a-case-of-skeletal-fluorosis>
- Seek judicial veto on delivering fluoridated water to municipalities as the Fluoridation Order violates Section 3A of Health Act 1956 when applied to the developing sector of the population. Fluoridation of municipal water is done under the pretense of oral health which can be achieved with fluoridated dental products.

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1	>>E-signed	Sarah	Ingamells		Motueka	0712
2	>>E-signed	Rodger	Leather		>>Whangarei	>0179
3	>>E-signed	Jillian	Leather		>>Whangarei	>0179
4	>>E-signed	Peter	Polansky		Auckland	1042
5	>>E-signed	Tandi	lidgard		>Kerikeri	0230
6	>>E-signed	Malcolm	Young			
7	>>E-signed	Brett	Sims		>>Kaitikati	>3177
8	>>E-signed	Ria	Woolams		>>Whangarei	>0173
9	>>E-signed	Joe	CARROLL		Whangarei	0112
10	>>E-signed	Tim	Baxter		>>Whangarei	0110
11	>>E-signed	Kathleen	Pattinson		>Dargaville	0310
12	>>E-signed	Kelly	Waldegrave			
13	>>E-signed	Sara	Lepper-Scherer			
14	>>E-signed	Sindy	Ryder		Kaero	0478
15	>>E-signed	Junes:	Sobye			3181
16	>>E-signed	Max	Love		>>Opua Northland	>0200
17	>>E-signed	Tony	Phillips			
18	>>E-signed	George	Thaggard		Kaitaia	>0410
19	>>E-signed	Tracy	Thaggard		Kaitaia	0410
20	>>E-signed	mike	adrian			
21	>>E-signed	Lorraine	Birchall		P Kaikohe0440	>0440
22	>>E-signed	Robyn	Blumsky			
23	>>E-signed	Carol	Sumner		>>Hikurangi	>0182
24	>>E-signed	Tess	McGowan			
25	>>E-signed	Tina	Payne			
26	>>E-signed	Vicky	Garnett		>>Northland	>0520
27	>>E-signed	Sheree	Morgan		Ruakaka	0116
28	>>E-signed	Megan	Craven		10 Whangarei	>0112
29	>>E-signed	Suzie	Boyd		>>Auckland	0931
30	>>E-signed	Philippa	Ross		>>Waipapa	>0582

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31	>>E-signed	Andrew	Rochford		Whangarei	0173
32	>>E-signed	Ken & Shirle	McBeth		Whangarei	0185
33	>>E-signed	Helen	Piesse		Whangarei	0112
34	>>E-signed	Theodora	Nicholas		Whangarei	0170
35	>>E-signed	Mark	Davis		Whangarei	0112
36	>>E-signed	Esme	Shoemark		Waipu	0582
37	>>E-signed	Angelika	Letz		Kerikeri	0293
38	>>E-signed	Helmut	Letz		Kerikeri	0293
39	>>E-signed	Coral	Foster			
40	>>E-signed	Suzy	Lawson		Whangarei	0112
41	>>E-signed	Selwyn	Adam		Whangarei	0110
42	>>E-signed	Cathy	Jones		Kerikeri	0295
43	>>E-signed	C.S	McRae			
44	>>E-signed	Peter	Smith		Russell	0202
45	>>E-signed	TERRI	WALSH		WHANGAREI	0112
46	>>E-signed	Lynette	Taylor		Kamo	0112
47	>>E-signed	suzanne	beer		Kaitaia	0482
48	>>E-signed	Jan	Hunter		Haruru	03210
49	>>E-signed	Jane	Hunter		Hamilton	03210
50	>>E-signed	Lisa	Williams		Northland	0582
51	>>E-signed	Mara	Land		Rawene	0473
52	>>E-signed	Stephanie	Bergman		514a SH10 Kerikeri.	0472
53	>>E-signed	Peter	Maddren		Horeke	0475
54	>>E-signed	Barbara	Knill		kerikeri	0295
55	>>E-signed	Allan	Mountain		Opononi	0473
56	>>E-signed	Wendy	Wickens		Cable Bay	0420
57	>>E-signed	Tracey	Schubert		Far North	0230
58	>>E-signed	Will	Pauwels			
59	>>E-signed	Teangi	Wylie		Havelock North	04130
60	>>E-signed	Vanessa	M		Northland	0243
61	>>E-signed	Claire	Crate		Kerikeri	0230
62	>>E-signed	Andrew	Mackenzie		128 Carnoustie drive wattle	
63	>>E-signed	Christine	Godinet		Kerikeri	0293
64	>>E-signed	Louis	Godinet		Kerikeri	0293
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66	>>E-signed	dave	christie			
67	>>E-signed	Jason	McDonald		12 paihia 0200	United
68	>>E-signed	Jack	Riley		5 Okaihau	0475
69	>>E-signed	Paul	Doidge		Paihia	0200
70	>>E-signed	Dukie	Rasmussen		Kaitaia	0484

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151	#\E-signed	Rachel Lloyd	Mangonui 0494
152	#\E-signed	Janette Perrett	Lowe Rd, RD1, Hikurangi, Whangarei, Northland 0181
153	#\E-signed		Whangarei 0112
154	#\E-signed	Graeme Wylie	6 macdonnell st, Rawene, Sth hokianga, Northland 0443
155	#\E-signed	Scarlet Stott	2 Kawapani Lane, Kumeu, Auckland, AUK 0810
156	#\E-signed	Julie Herbison	
157	#\E-signed	Sarah Browne	708 SH14, Whangarei, Maunu 0179
158	#\E-signed	Leonard Barker	302 east coast road, Auckland 0620
159	#\E-signed	chek	Whangarei 0112
160	#\E-signed	Philip Grey	Po box 187, Paīhia, My State is not listed 0247
161	#\E-signed	Tuskan Sherson	9 grey st east, 9 grey st east, Mangonui, Auckland 0442
162	#\E-signed	Dennis Bowman	
163	#\E-signed	Simone Varney	9 Augusta Place, Kamo, Whangarei, Northland 0112
164	#\E-signed	Lynn Bond	12a Glengarry Lane, Tamaterau, Whangarei, - Select - 0174
165	#\E-signed	Karen Gilhespy	Kaero, Northland 0479
166	#\E-signed	Jacqueline Te Huia	500 Mataraua Road, Te Iringa R D 1, Kaikohe, Northland 0474
167	#\E-signed	Steve Nyssen	7 Armstrong Ave, Maunu, Whangarei, Northland 0110
168	#\E-signed	Siobhan Pawlick	19/2958 State Highway 10, Mangonui
169	#\E-signed	K Coll	1 Bream Bay Drive, Ruakaka, Whangarei 0116
170	#\E-signed	Barbara Belger	Kerikeri 0230
171	#\E-signed	Geoffrey Vause	Wellington, 5227
172	#\E-signed	Barbara Godding	1637 Springbank Rd, Kerikeri, Northland 0293
173	#\E-signed	Kynan Jones	Whakapara, Whangarei
174	#\E-signed	Ben Thomas	3 Alexander Street, Mangonui, Mangonui, Northland 0420
175	#\E-signed	P M Berry	17 Waiotapu rd RD3, Rotorua
176	#\E-signed	Leanna Williams	29 Todd Ave, CHRISTCHURCH, New Zealand 8051
177	#\E-signed	Chris Gayer	Opuia 0272
178	#\E-signed	Jaguar Kukulcan	
179	#\E-signed	Kathryn Honiss	49 Stanners road, Kerikeri 0295
180	#\E-signed	Glen Brooke-Anderson	1 Hoey Street, Kamo, Kamo, Kamo, Whangarei, Northland 0112
181	#\E-signed	Garth Holder	25 St Anthony's Way RD1, Rangitane, Kerikeri, Northland 0294
182	#\E-signed	Michelle Coenradi	77 King Street, Kensington, Whangarei 0112
183	#\E-signed	Ann-Marie Houng Lee	169 Newton Road, Omapere, Hokianga 0453
184	#\E-signed	Philip Gentry	
185	#\E-signed	Lance	Rotorua 3010
186	#\E-signed	Rita Servay-Adams	
187	#\E-signed	Catherine Benefield	30 kaimatira road, Okoia, Wanganui 4572
188	#\E-signed	Ryanne O'Leary	SH14, Maunu, Wjhangarei 0179
189	#\E-signed	Vlad Gorbachev	23a Moody avenue, Whangarei, Northland 0112
190	#\E-signed	Janet Atkinson	Whangarei 0112

From: Peter Woods [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 6 September 2022 10:23 am
To: Steve Chadwick
Subject: Fluoride free Rotorua

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Regards

Peter Woods

From: Deb Haley [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 22 September 2022 2:29 pm
To: Steve Chadwick; Dave Donaldson; Peter.Bentley@rotorualc.nz; Raj Kumar; Trevor Maxwell; Merepeka Raukawa-Tait; Tania Tapsell; Sandra Kai Fong; Reynold Macpherson; Fisher Wang; Mercia Yates
Subject: Water Fluoridation

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Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Steve Chadwick
Sent: Thursday, 22 September 2022 5:52 pm
To: Deb Haley
Subject: Re: Water Fluoridation

Greetings Deb

This was an order of the DG. Council has no say.

I respect your view and see no option but for you to lobby the next Council for access to an unfluoradated source. The infrastructure for this would be at a cost to Ratepayers and the quality may not be able to be guaranteed. The new Regulator sets the standards that must be complied with.

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Sent from [Outlook](#)

From: Mitch Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 10 November 2022 12:38 pm
To: Tania Tapsell
Subject: Regarding Active Directive from DG

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: Nikoletta

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Mitch Watson

From: Mitch Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 April 2023 2:42 pm
To: Tania Tapsell
Subject: Fluoridation - Is it truly beneficial at any level?

Categories: Tarns

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Kind regards,
Mitch

Subject: Fluoridation - Is it truly beneficial at any level?

From: Office Mayor
Sent: Thursday, 20 April 2023 8:50 am
To: 'Mitch Watson' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Fluoridation - Is it truly beneficial at any level?

Dear Mr Watson

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Mayor.

I confirm the Mayor has received your email and will read the article when she has an opportunity.

Regards

Tania Togatama *Tiheru Manukura* | Executive to the Mayor
Waea: 07 351 8326 | Waea pūkoro: 022 094 8208
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From: Karen Barker
Sent: Sunday, 23 April 2023 3:59 pm
To: Tania Tapsell
Subject: Fwd: Fluoridation - Is it truly beneficial at any level?

Dear Tania ,

I must admit that I do have some serious concerns about the communal dosing of our water supplies with fluoride considering the possible health impacts on some vulnerable members of our community, and the cumulative effects of fluoride in the natural environment.

I understand that the dosing of water supplies with fluoride has been directed by the MOH, but do we not have a responsibility to discuss this proposed action with our community considering it affects every person on our water supply? What touches all should be approved by all?

I have done some research of scientific papers and the latest scientific analysis, and it appears that there are some valid reasons to be concerned about fluoridation of water supplies.

I would value your thoughts on this when you have a moment.

Kind regards
Karen

Karen Barker
District Councillor
M: 027 287 6641
E: karen.barker@rotorualc.nz



From: Mitch Watson [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, April 18, 2023 2:44 PM
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