

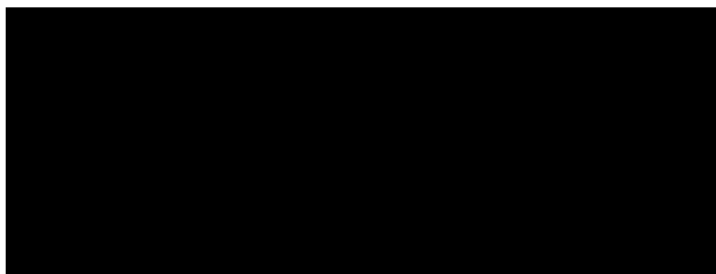


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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – FLUORIDATION

I refer to your official information request dated 5 September 2025 regarding fluoridation of the Nelson City Council water supply.

Your request is reproduced here:

Hello Alec

Thank you for the information you provided regarding fluoridation of Nelson's water under Ref:

Given you have not provided the specific data we requested, can you please provide all available data on high alarm reports, when fluoride dosages exceeded the maximum level, measured by dose volume discrepancy alarms.

That data we seek should include the measurements in ppm made by both NCC staff, and/or the contractor responsible for administering the fluoridation plant when exceedances of the maximum acceptable value under the Drinking Water Standards occurred and were recorded.

For your information, the independent fluoride measurements being conducted by the Nelson Clean Water Coalition using a professional quality fluoride testing meter, show that Nelson tap water fluoride levels exceeded the maximum dosage of 1.0ppm consistently between Sunday 17 August and Thursday 28 August. These readings averaged 1.20ppm.

Please provide an explanation why you did not report this to us in my last request, or to the Nelson public who do not want to be consuming this neurotoxic substance.

Thank you

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I confirm the following in response to your queries:

- The maximum acceptable value for fluoride in drinking water under the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand is 1.5mg/L. There have been no recorded instances of the Nelson City Council Water Treatment Plant fluoride dosing reaching this level.
- Council has not identified any instances where fluoride levels leaving the treatment plant have reached 1.2mg/L.
- Council suggests that if any private testing in the network needs to be compared with testing carried out by Council it would be helpful if the private testing is carried out by an independent professional laboratory experienced in potable water quality sampling and testing.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alec Louverdis', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Alec Louverdis
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