

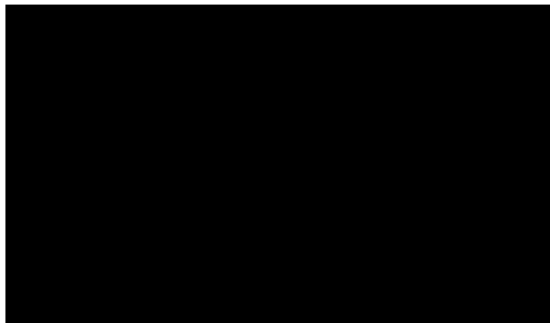


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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – FLUORIDATION

I refer to your official information request dated 30 October 2024 'LGOIMA' regarding the proposed fluoridation of the Nelson drinking water, which is reproduced below:

As of today, October 30th, 2024, I request to know:

- 1. is our water still un-fluoridated?*
- 2. If it is not, at what date has the fluoridation began?*
- 3. Why has the promise been broken to keep off until December 2024?*
- 4. How can citizens, who do not wish to be drinking /using toxic water, obtain filters?*

In response to your queries I confirm the following:

- Council is not yet adding fluoride to the water supply.
- Council is now required to fluoridate the Nelson drinking water supply by 31 December 2024. Council intends to comply with this requirement.
- We suggest you contact the Ministry of Health for advice on appropriate filters should you wish to reduce future levels of fluoride in your drinking water.

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.

Yours sincerely

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