



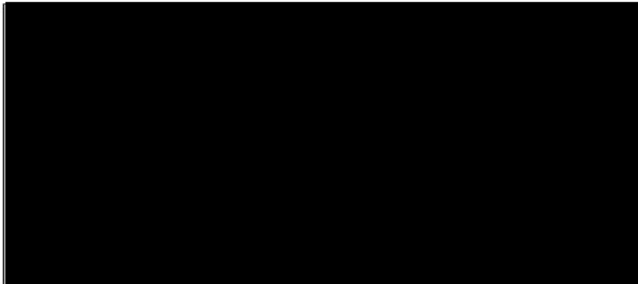
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR PUBLIC FORUM INVITEE INFORMATION

I refer to your official information request dated 6 December 2024:

"Council event Dec 5th, 2024 - fluoridation - invited DHB officials. As this is a local, Nelson, public forum event - may I please be informed of the following:

- 1. Who invited officials from a DHB in Wellington?*
- 2. Why officials from out of town?*
- 3. Who will pay for their expenses (flights/hospitality)?"*

His Worship the Mayor invited Health New Zealand to provide representatives to speak at the public forum on the current understanding of New Zealand health professionals in relation to the medical and public health implications of water fluoridation. As the directive on fluoridation has been made by the Director General of Health it was felt that Health New Zealand would be best placed to represent the current medical views on this topic. There was no cost to Council from their attendance.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact LGOIMA@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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