

22 February 2021

**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7983067 (OIR: 2021-178)**

I refer to your information request we received on 8 February 2021 for the following:

***I won't beat around the bush. Fluoride is a neurotoxin and a powerful one at that. So can you explain to me why many places within NZ, but more specifically Paraparaumu are having their water supply systematically poisoned? No one questions this and it is time for some clear answers.***

***Please don't respond with false information on how wonderful it is for your teeth. I have a several detailed reports on the dangers of fluoride and the glaring proof that it is a neurotoxin. It is quite unbelievable isn't it?***

***I have only come to discover what I have later on in life, otherwise I'd have addressed the issue much earlier in life. I am not what folks in Government departments call a 'Conspiracy Theorist' because that alludes to false information. The fact fluoride is poisonous and in our water system is factual and it must cease.***

***I am requesting right now that fluoridation of Kapiti's water supply is ceased.***

**Council response regarding your request:**

The Supreme Court has issued a judgment confirming that local authorities have the legal authority to fluoridate water supplies. You can download the judgment and the media release from the Courts of New Zealand website: [New Health New Zealand Incorporated v South Taranaki District Council \[2018\] NZSC 60](#)

Water fluoridation is recommended by The Ministry of Health (MoH) to provide some protection against dental decay. The Drinking Water New Zealand website lists 48 plants with water fluoridation, supplying 56 communities around New Zealand.

The Council's current approach is consistent with the *Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand* and Ministry of Health's recommendation for water fluoridation. The Council will continue with its water fluoridation as a public health intervention.

Please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Mallon', with a stylized, cursive script.

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