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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: OIR 2122-176

I refer to your information request we received on 19 January 2021 for the following:

- 1. in the last twelve months have any new chemicals or additives been added, or going to be added to any of Kapiti Coast water supply/drinking water, in connection with any new legislation/or upcoming Three waters legislation?***

In the last twelve months we have not added any new chemicals to water supply in Waikanae Water Treatment Plant (WWTP).

- 2. What options do ratepayers have when seeking to query or challenge additions to our drinking water?***

The water treatment and network are managed by professionals. We do not intend to introduce any new chemicals in WWTP.

- 3. I understand that Kapiti drinking water has had for some time the added chemicals of chlorine, fluoride and lime; what is the benefit that lime added for?***

Lime is added in water treatment to improve the quality of drinking water. Lime allows water to be softened, purified by filtration process to eliminate its cloudiness, its acidity to be neutralised and its impurities to be eliminated etc.

- 4. in addition: if any new chemicals are being used or are going to be added to our local water supply, please let me know not only what they are, but also the reason why they would be added, and why ratepayers would be not be included in discussion and input for such a change that would affect most people who use town water supply. This is potentially a health and safety issue for those who are chemically sensitive and who can or could have adverse reactions to chemicals.***

No new water treatment is proposed in the WWTP.

Yours sincerely



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