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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST – INVESTIGATING FLUORIDE IN DRINKING WATER

I refer to your official information request dated 24 March 2022 which is set out below together with Council's response.

1) Fluoridation status: *list of the years the water supply has been fluoridated. If no fluoridation has ever occurred at that water supply, indicate no fluoridation and ignore requests 2-5.*

- Nelson City Council does not add fluoride to its drinking water supply.

2) Interruptions to fluoridation: *Identification of any time periods where fluoridation was interrupted for substantial time periods (eg, >3 months) for either technical issues (mechanic problems) or political decisions (cessation of water fluoridation). Please provide a date range.*

- Not Applicable, refer to Question 1.

3) Fluoridation chemicals: *List of the fluoridation chemicals used at each site (e.g. sodium fluoride powder/crystals, sodium silicofluoride/fluosilicate, hydrofluosilicic/fluosilicic acid), the supplier of these chemicals, and example copy of the material safety data sheet for the product. Any records held with respect to any supplied fluoridation chemicals to have exceeded specific impurity limits, as set out in the Water New Zealand Good Practice Guide for supply of fluoride for use in water treatment.*

- Not Applicable, refer to Question 1.

4) Fluoride dosing system: *Type of feeder used (e.g. gravimetric dry feeder or volumetric dry feeder into a solution box or dissolver, or solution feeder). Type and number of fluoride analysers or metering system used in dosing system.*

- Not Applicable, refer to Question 1.

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5) Quantifiable fluoride results: Any quantifiable testing result for fluoride for your water supply. We are only interested in those water supplies **that are fluoridated**. Preferably data could be provided in a spreadsheet with the MoH compliance codes. We are seeking data as far back as records permit. If your council no longer stores this information, could you please provide permission to us to **contact your commercial testing laboratory supplier** for any achieved results held by them.

- Not Applicable, refer to Question 1.

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 David Light, Utilities Manager (david.light@ncc.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. Louverdis', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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