

Director-General of Health
Ministry of Health
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Dear Dr Ashley Bloomfield

RE: Community water fluoridation

I write in response to your letter dated 3 May 2022 requesting feedback relating to your proposal to fluoridate the Kaitaia and Kerikeri water supplies and the ability to meet costs and timeframes.

I do not propose to comment on the advantages and disadvantages of fluoridation as your Ministry is best placed to engage with our communities on this public health matter.

My response is to re-iterate our earlier comments in that:

1. Council has no funding within our Long-Term Plan (ending 30 June 2024) to fund the installation of the necessary infrastructure or to meet the annual operating costs of the chemicals
2. Indicate costings to install the necessary infrastructure and address the requirements under the hazardous substances regulations, are \$800,000 for both Plants.
3. Based on the above 2 points, we would strongly suggest that if your proposal was to proceed that it be aligned with 3-Water Reforms and be introduced in a staged approach. Site assessments and detailed design in 24/25 year and installation during 25/26 year.

The suggested timeframe outlined in point 3 would allow time for the Ministry to engage with our local communities.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me on 09 401 5200 or free-phone 0800 920 029.

Yours sincerely,
FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL



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