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Subject: Final response - LGOIMA 362958 - s7(2)(a) - HCC decision on flouridation
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

Your request:

Given the recent high court decision regarding fluoridation, will Hamilton City Council continue to fluoridate the water? Will this matter be put on the councils meeting agenda and if so, when?

Our response:

The [Health \(Fluoridation of Drinking Water\) Amendment Act 2021](#) shifted decision-making on fluoridation from local authorities to the Director-General of Health. Local authorities are required to fluoridate a water supply if directed to do so by the Director-General of Health. Those already fluoridating are required to continue to do so. More information on the Director-General of Health's role in decision-making on the fluoridation of drinking-water supplies can be found [here](#).

The Ministry of Health has published a media release following the High Court decision, which can be found [here](#), which notes that the High Court judgement has not quashed the directions previously given to fluoridate drinking water and they remain in force.

As the decision to fluoridate water is not within the control of Hamilton City Council, the matter will not be put on a Council meeting agenda for further consideration.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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Subject: OIA Request - HCC-OIA-231114-17XK2



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Here's your reference number and the request details:

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Detailed description of request

Morena,

Given the recent high court decision regarding flouridation, will Hamilton City Council continue to flouridate the water?

Will this matter be put on the councils meeting agenda and if so, when?

Thank you

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