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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Substances added to the towns water supply
Response by:	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

29 November 2023

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for information regarding substances added to the towns water supply

I refer to your official information request dated 14 November 2023 for information regarding substances added to the towns water supply.

You have asked for the following information:

1. With regards to substances added to the towns water supply, Westland District Council (WDC) state “no fluoride is added”. As per health.govt.nz:

“The Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021, which came into effect in December 2021, allows the Director-General of Health to direct local authorities to add – or not to add – fluoride to a drinking-water supply.”

- a. Since the time of the Act being brought into legislation, has WDC/any of its employees/contractors received directions to add fluoride to the town water supplies now or at a later date?

I can confirm that no directions have been received to add fluoride to the town water supplies and none has been added.

- i. If yes, when will this commence?

N/A

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



Simon Bastion | Chief Executive
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