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Tēnā koe Monique

Community water fluoridation

Thank you for advising Manatū Hauora officials of your request to amend the compliance date for fluoridating the Levin drinking water supply.

I have considered and agree to your request to amend the date specified in the direction issued in July 2022.

In accordance with section 116I of the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 (the Act), you are required to ensure that you are fluoridating at the optimal levels (between 0.7ppm to 1ppm, parts per million) at the Levin supply by 30 April 2024. Contravening these requirements, or permitting these requirements to be contravened, constitutes an offence under section 116J of the Act.

In making my decision, I have considered the reasons for this request and your assurance that implementation can be achieved by the new dates outlined above.

I am aware that you have also been working with Manatū Hauora officials to submit an application for funding for the capital costs of fluoridating the Levin supply.

Thank you again for working with Manatū Hauora officials to work through the necessary steps to fluoridate the Levin drinking water supply. I continue to be mindful of current service delivery pressures across the water services and broader local government sector.

Nāku noa, nā



Dr Diana Sarfati
Director-General of Health
Te Tumu Whakarae mō te Hauora