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Dear Ms Williams

Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987 Request:

We refer to your email of 14 April 2022, which includes a request for information under the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987. Your particular requests and our response are set out below.

Request summary:

*Dear Timaru District Council,
I would like clean water I have been using bottled for a year and not just that I want to know why timaru council won't do what's best for the health of timaruians My question, what is the reason apart from a report saying timaru residents don't want the three waters reform do you have, where is the paperwork showing the votes of timaru people as I know I voted for the reform yet have not seen real proof of the vote just statistics so please provide this proof of actual vote showing a real vote.*

Response:

We will deal with your request in two parts:

Clean Water

Please refer this link on the Ministry of Health website for the Annual Report on Drinking Water Quality 2020-2021 (This is the most recent version covering the compliance period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021):

<https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/annual-report-on-drinking-water-quality-2020-2021-mar22.docx>

Pages 85 and 86 of the report describe the compliance and safety of Timaru District Council's water supplies with the drinking water requirements of the Health Act 1956 (the Act) and the *Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand (DWSNZ 2005; revised 2018)*. You will see that Timaru City's water supply is safe to drink, and complies with and meets the Ministry's standards for both bacteria and protozoa.

Three Waters Reform

Timaru District Council, over an eight week period in 2021, conducted a community survey regarding public opinion on Three Waters Reform which received a total over 1,100 responses. On 28th September 2021, an Extraordinary Council meeting was held and the results of this survey were included in the report to Council. You can view this document here: https://www.timaru.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0006/574242/Public-Agenda-28SEP2021.pdf.

We also include the link to the minutes of this Extraordinary Meeting which records the Council's discussion and decisions:

https://www.timaru.govt.nz/data/assets/pdf_file/0009/579726/Council-Minutes-28.9.2021.pdf

We trust that we have answered your questions satisfactorily. If you would like any further information you are able to make a further request through the online portal.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with our response, you also have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review our decision. The Ombudsman can be contacted at PO Box 10-152 Wellington 6143, or Freephone 0800 802 602, or at <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>

Yours faithfully



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