

## Corporate Services



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Grace Haden

Via email: [fyi-request-7731-44f8d51c@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-7731-44f8d51c@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Ms Haden

### **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 27 April 2018 requesting information regarding the chlorination of Napier water.

You specifically requested the following:

1. *Copies of communications with Napier City Council in the past two years where the issue involved safety concerns of the quality of water being supplied to the residents.*
2. *Any directives or recommendations to the Napier City Council by the HBDHB which directs the council to chlorinate the water.*
3. *Please also supply copies of any directives you have issued as to the level of chlorination and guidelines as to safe levels and brands or type chlorine to be used.*
4. *Data for the past 2 years of the Napier water supply which gave cause for health concern due to bacterial limits being above safety levels.*

In response to your request, HBDHB provides Appendix A which is a copy of relevant correspondence between HBDHB and the Napier City Council (NCC) in regards to the chlorination of the Napier drinking water. Please note that this for the year 2017 only.

We have also supplied you with information between NCC and HBDHB in relation to transgressions at Park Island, Halliwell Reservoir, Taradale Reservoir and Enfield Road. Whilst these are not strictly about chlorination, chlorination was the result so we have included this as background information for you.

A report is referenced in a letter between Napier City Council and the Drinking Water Assessor regarding Bore Head Security within Napier City. This report is not specifically about chlorination, but as it is referenced in the letter we would like to refer you to Napier City Council if you wished to request it, as it is their report.

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With regard to questions (2), and (3); for HBDHB to collate this information for the period requested, would require many hours of searching electronic records and a significant involvement from our Public Health Team. Under Section 15 (1A) of the Official Information Act we would propose to charge for the provision of this information should you advise us you would wish us to complete a manual search.

An estimate has been prepared for you in regard to the amount of time it could potentially take the Public Health Team to search for this data and information. This is provided in the table below:

Action	Estimated Time
Drinking Water Assessors to research and determine relevant information	6-8 hours
Administration to retrieve information and collate under direction of the Drinking Water Assessor(s)	2 days
Management to review	3 hours
<b>Estimated total number of hours</b>	<b>25-27</b>

HBDHB follows the Government guidelines set out by the Ministry of Justice for charging for the purposes of release of information under the Official Information Act. Staff time is charged at \$38.00 per half hour or part thereof, after the first hour which is free. The rate applies to all staff dealing with requests, irrespective of seniority or grade, the charges include GST.

In relation to question (4) please note HBDHB would also be required to refer you to Napier City Council given that it is their information to release.

I trust this information meets your needs. However if you wish to submit a more targeted request, we will be happy to consider this separately. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsmen, phone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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