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Thank you for your email dated 27 & 28 November 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to fluoridating of Levin's drinking water supply. Specifically, you requested:

***Does HDC pay for the fluoride? Or Is it payed to accept the fluoride?  
Or other (if so please state) I wish to see the receipts or credit payments as proof of answer!***

The Ministry of Health has funded the \$900,000 cost of installing fluoridation equipment. Ongoing management and monitoring costs are estimated to be \$40,000 per annum, to be funded by Council.

We are withholding the exact cost of the Hydrofluorosilicic acid used to fluoridate the water supply under section 7 (2) (i) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (to enable us to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)).

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Daniel Haigh (Group Manager Community Infrastructure) on [danielh@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:danielh@horowhenua.govt.nz), or [LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz).

Ngā mihi  


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