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1 March 2000

Wellington Regional Council
 PO Box 11 646
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Attn:

Dear Sir

RE BULK WATER LEVY FOR 2000/2001 & THE WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL LONG TERM STRATEGY & PETONE WATER SUPPLY

In response to recent requests from the Wellington Regional Council for this Council's views, at the Council meeting of the 1st March 2000 the Porirua City Council resolved:

regarding the Bulk Water Levy:

- (a) *the Wellington Regional Council be advised that Porirua City Council believes that the assumptions on their financial model relating to population projections, and the non-inclusion of inflation, result in their analysis being conservative,**
- (a) *based on this information Porirua City Council believes that the Wellington Regional Council should reduce the bulk water levy for the 2000/2001 year by 4% and in the subsequent 2 years that the levy net of the current proposed 4% reduction not be increased.*

They also resolved, regarding the Petone Water Supply:

That Council advise Wellington Regional Council that if changes are required to the regional water network to retain an unfluoridated water supply to Petone then those additional costs should be met by the Hutt City Council.

I have previously forwarded the policy reports that form the background to Councils views on these matters. We look forward to the Regional Councils favourable consideration of these matters.

Yours faithfully

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3 February 2000

Stuart Macaskill
Chairman
Wellington Regional Council
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Dear Stuart

Petone Water Supply

Further to my letter to you dated, 22 November 1999, I have now had time to reflect on your letter dated 28 October.

I was pleased to receive the information on Fluoridation attached to your letter. I have also received information from Hutt City on the issues from their point of view, and the matters raised provided a useful background to the issues concerned.

It seems to me, however; that the issue may not be solely one of whether a non-fluoridated supply is provided, but whether this should be at the cost of the other Territorial Local Authorities supplied with Bulk Water by the Wellington Regional Council. The short answer to this is that Wellington City would not be in favour of any increase in the Bulk Water Levy for any reason, and would prefer to negotiate instead a further reduction to any levy imposed.

In this respect, we note your proposal to reduce the current levy by a further 4% for the year 2000/01. I would welcome further discussion on this point; as I am advised by Garry Poole; that further reductions are possible by reducing the level of surpluses provided for in the provisional budgets and increasing the time allowed for debt repayment to 2022. I am also sure that there are opportunities for further decreases in the levy based on projected effects of efficiencies within the organisation. As a Council, we are keen to reduce our operational expenditure considerably, and the area of Bulk Water has been identified as one area where significant savings could be made.

Yours sincerely


Mark Blumsky
MAYOR



WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL
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Contact:
Marilla Hood

16 December 1999

Dear Mr Macaskill

PETONE WATER SUPPLY

I refer to the report which was forwarded to you on 10 December 1999.

Council, at its meeting last evening, agreed to advise the Wellington Regional Council that it would not support any arrangement with the Hutt City Council to supply **Petone** with unfluoridated water, which would result in additional costs being charged to Upper Hutt City Council.

Yours sincerely

Marilla Hood
MANAGEMENT SERVICES OFFICER

16/12/99