

Proposed letter to:	Mayor Blumsky Mayor Brash Mayor Kirton
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«Address»

Dear «Name»

### **Petone's Water Supply**

I would like to advise you of my Council's decision on the provision of non-fluoridated water to residents of **Petone** and Korokoro.

Since October 1999, with the closure of the Buick **Street** Pumping Station, Hutt City Council's new Rahui Reservoir has been supplied with aquifer water from Waterloo. This water is fluoridated.

For some time this Council has advised Hutt City Council that unfluoridated water could be supplied to **Petone** but there would be an additional cost. Mutt City Council advised us in December that as a result of a survey of residents, some 70% wished to retain an unfluoridated water supply. Hutt City Council subsequently requested that this be provided.

The question then is who pays. You are no doubt aware of the various arguments relating to who should or shouldn't pay. The attached report summarises three options put before our Council. Suffice to say that in the interests of reaching a conclusion to this issue, this Council has agreed to pay half the costs of the changes necessary. Our share of the costs can be accommodated within our budgets and there will be no change in the proposed 4% reduced levy for the 2000/01 year already proposed. (This is also detailed within the attached report).

This will allow **Petone** to receive unfluoridated aquifer water and return the area to the same position that existed prior to the closure of the Buick Street Pumping Station.

This offer is subject to agreement with Hutt City Council that they meet their share of the cost, some \$207,000.

Yours sincerely

STUART MACASKILL  
Chairman

Encl.