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Dear Murray

CONSULTATION RESULT -FLUORIDATION OF PETONE WATER SUPPLY

The results of the consultation with the Petone community on the fluoridation of the Petone water supply have now been received from Council's consultants, Colmar **Brunton** Research.

A report on the results of the consultation together with recommendations is to be presented to the Hutt City Council Works and Services Committee on the 23 November 1999. A copy of the report will be forwarded in due course.

The consultation consisted of **interviews** with **1000** people in the affected area. Residents were asked about their knowledge of the issue and were read out a brief summary of the reasons why the area was facing a change to fluoridated water. They were then asked the following 3 questions:

1. If there were no cost to Hutt City residents, would you prefer to have fluoridated or **unfluoridated** water?
2. If the cost were spread over the whole City, unfluoridated water for Petone and Korokoro would cost around \$2 extra in rates per year for 15 years. If this were the **case** would you prefer to have fluoridated or unfluoridated water?
3. If the cost were just spread over Petone and Korokoro, unfluoridated water for these areas would cost around \$25 extra in rates per year for 15 years. If this were the case would you prefer to have fluoridated or unfluoridated water?



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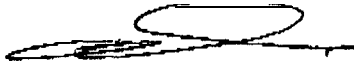
The results of the consultation are outlined as follows:

	No cost	\$2	\$25
Don't Know	3%	2%	4%
No Preference	8%	7%	6%
Fluoridated	13%	16%	22%
Unfluoridated	76%	75%	68%

Awareness of the issue was very high with 90% of people interviewed aware they were facing a change in their water supply and that the significant change was the addition of fluoride. The consultation results have a maximum margin of error of $\pm 3.1\%$ at the 95% confidence level.

The results clearly indicate that the majority of the affected community would prefer their water supply to remain **unfluoridated**.

Yours sincerely



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WATER SUPPLY MANAGER