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To Whom It May Concern

## **Compliance with the Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand 2022-2023**

During the 12 months ending 30 June 2023 sampling for E.coli was undertaken for all Council water supplies to show microbiological compliance with the Water Services Act 2021. The following comments are made with regard the **Riverlands and Cloudy Bay Business Park** water supply.

While sampling has shown compliance with the Microbiological Standard, Council is unable to prove compliance for Protozoa.

Treatment will be necessary to show compliance with The Drinking Water Standards for New Zealand (2018) to meet Protozoa compliance, Council is currently planning to construct a treatment plant to achieve this. Completion is expected during 2023/24. Consultation with industry in the industrial estates has commenced with more planned. In the meantime, if industries require the water used in their processing to meet the full requirements of The Drinking Water Standards, treating of water within the plant or premises may be necessary.

The Ministry of Health no longer publishes an Annual Report of Drinking Water Quality. They ceased doing so in June 2021.

The new drinking water compliance regulator is Taumata Arowai. It is anticipated they will report on water supply compliance for the period 1 January to 31 December 2023. The report will be available early next year.

In the interim, Council has engaged an independent expert to review and verify Council's compliance results. His report can be provided on request.

I trust this information is to your satisfaction.

Yours sincerely

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