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Dear Sir/Madam

OHURA WATER SUPPLY REFERENDUM

Valuation No

Property Address

On 11 June 2014 Council held a meeting at the Ohura Hall to discuss, with residents and ratepayers, the process following the 8 May 2014 Council resolution to work towards a referendum to close the Ohura Water Treatment Plant. This procedure is described in Sections 131 to 134 of the Local Government Act 2002.

The main points discussed were:

- Detail of the resolution to work towards a referendum to close the current Water Scheme for Ohura.
- **This is now a community decision.** The community will decide if they want to close the Water Scheme or not.
- The referendum is expected to happen in late November.
- The reduction in rates that will occur when home owners supply their own water.

Between now and August, Council will work with every property owner to look at what is needed to move to a tank-based supply. To ensure this happens, we will need to contact ratepayers who do not live in Ohura, to see when we can meet with them at the property, or to make other arrangements.

We need to make sure our contact information is correct and that we have a phone number and email address for each ratepayer.

Council would also like to know if you have tenants in your property. As both residents and ratepayers are able to vote on this issue, we would like to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enrol on the electoral roll so they are eligible to vote.

Please contact us with this information so we can ensure we are able to give timely and up to date information to ratepayers and residents.



Council also wants to reiterate that the referendum is binding and that, if 75% of people vote to close the Water Supply, then this will happen. If less than 75% vote to close the water supply, then Council is not legally able to close the supply.

We strongly suggest that people do not go ahead and put in tanks until this referendum is completed, as we cannot be sure of the outcome.

Council will be putting together all the required information, six weeks prior to the referendum, to ensure everyone has the right information to make an informed decision. A further meeting will be held at that time.

The PowerPoint that was shown at the public meeting is included with this letter. We urge you to call us if you have any questions.

It was noted that the wording in the resolution was ambiguous. To be clear, this includes, the Water Treatment Plant and the entire scheme used in supplying water to Ohura residents/ratepayers. The resolution will be corrected to ensure it covers the entire Scheme.

The meeting attracted about 30 people.

This is a follow up letter to ensure everyone is aware of the content of the meeting.

Yours sincerely



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Attachments
PowerPoint: 11 June public meeting