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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Private Individual
<b>Information requested:</b>	Water testing information for the Hokitika area
<b>Response by:</b>	Barbara Phillips, Chief Executive

Private Individual  
Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

**Official information request for water testing information for the Hokitika area**

I refer to your official information request dated 08 June 2025 for water testing information for the Hokitika area.

Please find enclosed the laboratory test results you requested, along with a map indicating the location of the test sampling point and the nearest public tap.

We wish to draw your attention to the following key points for clarity and context:

- **Absence of Historical Data:** There are no available test results for this site from 2022 or earlier.
- **Scope of Testing:** Of the parameters queried, our laboratory currently tests only for lead. The scope and frequency of water quality testing are determined by the *Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules*, which came into effect on 1 January 2023. These rules outline the specific contaminants to be monitored in our water supplies and set the regulatory framework within which we operate.
- **Sampling Procedure:** The sampling point is flushed and sterilised prior to sample collection, in accordance with established best practices and industry guidelines to ensure the integrity and accuracy of the test results.
- **Availability of Alternative Sources:** There are no publicly available surface water or well water sampling sites in the vicinity.
- **Accreditation of Results:** The enclosed test results are as per the laboratory report, which is accredited by IANZ (International Accreditation New Zealand), ensuring that testing meets recognized international standards.

There will be no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



**Barbara Phillips** | Chief Executive  
BP/MB

Sample	Date	Result (g/m <sup>3</sup> )
Lead	14/02/2023	0.00028
	23/08/2023	0.00152
	8/05/2024	0.00161
	8/11/2024	0.00116
	8/05/2025	0.00113





Public tap

Sampling Point