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Boil Water Notice: Selwyn Rural Water Supply – Glentunnel Intake

Residents who are on the Selwyn Rural Water supply are advised to begin boiling water. The water supply is drawn from Glentunnel and services Hororata township and the surrounding areas (but not Glentunnel township).

A boil water notice has been issued by the Council after test results were received showing that E. coli levels were above recommended levels.

E.coli is an organism which can cause health issues. Anyone who shows symptoms of sickness, including vomiting and diarrhea, should visit their doctor as soon as they are able to.

When a boil water notice is in place, the Ministry of Health advises that people should boil or treat all water from taps before drinking, brushing teeth or using it in food preparation. In addition, water used to make ice should also be boiled before freezing.

- Bringing water to the boil is sufficient to kill all bugs (water does not require prolonged boiling). Water needs to be boiled even if the smell or taste of chlorine is present. If water cannot be boiled, treat it by adding 1 teaspoon of household bleach per 10 litres of water and leave for 30 minutes
- During boil water notices, employers should also make sure their staff are only consuming boiled or bottled water at work.

Residents will need to continue to boil your water until they are notified that the boil water notice is lifted. It is likely to be in place for several days.

Residents will also need to disinfect their water storage tanks. Advice on how to do this is available online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

The council will continue to monitor the intake and reticulation system and keep residents informed of any updates.

Updates to this notice will also be posted online at www.selwyn.govt.nz.

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A map of the Selwyn Rural Water Scheme – Glentunnel Intake Scheme Area is attached (the water scheme boundary is shown in yellow). This map will be available online at Selwyn.govt.nz shortly.