

Subject: FW: Northland drought: 'Real risk' drinking water will become too salty in coastal towns | [Stuff.co.nz](https://www.stuff.co.nz)

**04/03/20
Mr Colin Dall
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Dear Mr Dall,

Thank you for your acknowledgement of our letter and LGOIMA request to you, dated 24/02/2020.

We now draw your attention to yesterday's article in the Northern Advocate(link attached below) that contradicts your letter to me dated 24th December 2019 regarding the adequate supply of water in the Russell bores/aquifers, which you used to support the NRC granting of a Resource Consent to supply water to a new building and toilets, to be established on the Russell Wharf.

Clearly this was never the case, irrespective of the drought which has exhausted Russell aquifer supplies very quickly indeed and which you have now confirmed publicly. As alleged by us previously, and contrary to your confirmation of water bore monitoring, the NRC does not have recent relevant data concerning the state of bore water supplies in Russell and by granting the said Consent, the NRC have misrepresented the facts and misled the public. As such, the NRC is in breach of its own consent because there is no evidence to substantiate the use of bore water, as described by the NRC and expected by the applicant, the FNDC.

Under these circumstances, we believe that the NRC are bound to immediately review the said data and withdraw the 'right' and permission for the FNDC or its CCO FNHL to undertake their plan to supply bore water to the Russell Wharf. This is a major blunder by the NRC that resonates with other decisions that the Council have made without regard to actual data about Northland water resources and we are holding the Council accountable.

We look forward to hearing from you in regard to all of our recent questions and requests.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/119761881/northland-drought-real-risk-drinking-water-will-become-too-salty-in-coastal-towns?cid=app-iPhone>

**Best Regards,
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