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Dear Mr Kennedy

Report on Public Perception of Water Quality

Thank you for forwarding a copy of your report.

We share your concern over the sales tactics employed by the distributors of water filters and distillers, and have discussed their claims in several reports in **Consumer** magazine.

In our most recent article on bottled water we noted that Ministry of Health checks had found that the microbiological safety of bottled waters was of a satisfactory standard. Your tests show that if suppliers do not have proper systems in place there will always be a risk of contamination.

We agree that Wellington residents do not need to buy filters, distillers or filters to ensure that their drinking water is safe. The water gradings for Wellington and all communities of over 2000 are published on our **website**.

Yours sincerely

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