

Mayor urges resilience as Pahiatua water contamination continues

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Mayor Roly Ellis said they're doing everything they can to bring this to a close as soon as possible (Newspix)

The Tararua District Council is seeking outside advice on how best to deal with the E.coli contamination.

The Pahiatua bore has returned another positive reading for E.coli, despite a clear reading on Sunday and the whole system being chlorinated.

For residents this means the boil water notice that was issued on Friday remains in place.

Mayor Roly Ellis said they're doing everything they can to bring this to a close as soon as possible.

"And we're obviously disappointed for the residents as well. We are taking advice at the moment from another organisation to make sure that what we are actually doing, and how we are doing it, is exactly the right way."

Mr Ellis is urging residents to keep soldiering on.

"I think we're all feeling pretty fed up, to be quite honest, but we've got to be positive and there's a very good community spirit there."

The mayor is cautious about blaming E Coli for the death of livestock in the town.

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This after a woman, who's farm is on the town supply, said she's had four calves suddenly die.

Young calves can be affected by a raft of different things, he said, and urged anyone who's worried about livestock that may have had water from the town supply to call a vet.

"It's very, very dangerous to point the finger at something and say that was E Coli. It could be 101 different things. So, I suggest that lady get hold of a vet, and get them out, and the vet will tell them."

He said he is proud of the way his community is handling the scare.

People have just got on with things, he said.

"I'm just very grateful for the way the community have handled it."

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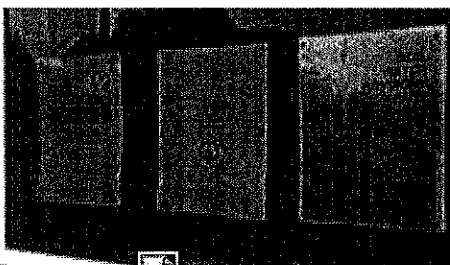


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