

Reply to WPQ 16976 (2026)

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Member: Pham, Lan (Green Party)

Question: Has the number of do not drink notices across New Zealand increased with the increasing occurrence of storm events occurring?

Response: The Water Services Authority—Taumata Arowai does not maintain records of storm events. Data for 'do not drink' notices recorded with the Authority since its establishment in 2021 is provided below.*

Calendar year	Number of 'do not drink' notices
2021 (November - December only)	4
2022	23
2023	23
2024	42
2025	49

**This data captures the number of temporary 'do not drink' notices issued for registered drinking water supplies from 2021 to 2025.*