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Your article "Central Saanich families desperate for water" totally distorts what is, in essence, a small, very localized problem of water esthetics (taste, odour) -- not health -- at seven homes on **Senanus** Drive.

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What it did find was a problem common to some wells on the Peninsula -- an esthetic water problem that was very localized, affecting only seven households (not the "150 residents" the article alleges).

Lowen concluded that the elevated levels of iron, manganese, zinc and total dissolved solids found in some wells could be readily counteracted by low-cost in-home treatment systems, as is commonly done elsewhere.

This solution was incorporated as one of three sequential recommendations of council's water advisory task force, on which I served for almost three years (the others being a small collective solution or a small pipeline).

These solutions have been actively rejected at every turn by this small but vocal development lobby, whose sole objective remains a big \$1-million, publicly

funded pipeline.

Peter Kittredge,

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