

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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## **Not fair, mayor**

Staunch rebuttal indeed by His Worship (Stan Semenov) of the concerns expressed by Mr Warren Slater on the protection of key personnel of Whangarei District Council by Tamiflu in these times of tempest and pandemics (Letters, July 30). The good work must go on regardless and be protected.

But whether committee chairpersons should have been included is questionable, given a numb and dumb (in the sense of not being able to utter) council.

Realising Mr Semenov's one-man "leading from the front" position in all this, it is hoped that he has not

excluded himself unselfishly from this essential safeguard.

However, Tamiflu-assured survival or not, his and his CEO's self-delegated expression of opinion on Whangarei district's position in regard to the Super City proposals are another matter entirely.

Whether Mr Semenov has gone with the democratically expressed support of his fellow elected representatives in these matters is not clear. He certainly has not canvassed my opinion and obviously those of a majority of ratepayers. And for that he must stand severely criticised. One wonders whether he will ever learn about democracy.

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