

# Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

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## Recommendations for implementation

### i) Water quality

1. Prohibit direct discharge of effluent to rivers
2. Resource Consents for use of fresh water for dilution and transportation of waste will no longer be granted and not renewed after 2020
3. Formally identify the vulnerability of different surface and groundwater bodies to non-point source contaminants and zone accordingly for landuse
4. Set quota for nutrient load for individual catchments and sub catchments based on target maximum permissible concentrations to retain a healthy ecology and amenity value.
5. Require resource consents for right to discharge nutrient in accordance with the quota
6. Require managed riparian buffer zones adjacent to all freshwater systems adjacent to agriculture according to timeframe

### ii) Water Quantity

7. Establish, as a priority, environmental flow regimes that sustain river form and ecological function for all river catchments and make non-complying applications prohibited.
8. In developing environmental flow regimes retain sufficient energy and natural flow variability for the system to preserve ecosystem function and the need to substitute that with excessive and ongoing human intervention with machine and chemicals.
9. Develop environmental flow regimes and manage freshwater systems for diversity rather than productivity
10. Require surface and groundwater connectedness to be retained in developing environmental flow regimes

Need to make this more than a host of platitudes that will add little to most existing Regional policy statements and plans and has so many holes in it that it has no teeth

What is really likely to be different about this statement and the current provisions in regional statements and plans?