

Submission on proposal for national policy statement for freshwater management

Section 49 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

To The Chairperson
Board of Inquiry – Water
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This is a submission on the Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

1. Objective 1 – Enabling well being of people and communities
2. Objective 3 – Improving the quality of fresh water
3. Objective 4 – Recognising and protecting life supporting capacity and ecological values

My submission is in support of the Proposed Policy Statement with no additions to the proposal.

Water Safety New Zealand Incorporated (WSNZ) was formed in 1949, and is the national organisation responsible for ensuring all New Zealanders have the water safety attitudes, skills and behaviour necessary to use and enjoy the environment safely.

WSNZ represents the interests of 36 member-organisations across a range of aquatic sport and recreation organisations and others with a national overview for water safety in general.

Through its members, WSNZ is the sole national organisation responsible for water safety education. Its membership comprises water safety education delivery organisations, co-ordinated and focused through the operations and policies/procedures of WSNZ. WSNZ covers the education requirements to the community of the wet safety sector.

WSNZ provides for a consolidated and co-ordinated national strategy through national standards and the setting of priorities for water safety education activities within the community.

WSNZ membership is voluntary (by choice) and open to any organisation with a defined and prominent role in water safety education.

Water safety education is about saving lives, in, on and under the water. However WSNZ extensively promotes the use of water by families and all New Zealanders for the purposes of recreation, relaxation and leisure. The importance therefore of having waterways that meet appropriate standards for the safe use, enjoyment and our cultural way of being is of critical importance.

WSNZ encourages New Zealanders to use the extensive waterways that permeate through the country which in turn has social, economic and health related benefits to the country.

Therefore WSNZ is in support of the Proposed Statement noting that while it sets an ambitious timeframe the benefits outweigh the perceived economic cost.

I seek the following changes to the proposal:

Not Applicable

I wish do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

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