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FORM 3:

Submission on Proposal for National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management

Section 49 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

To: the Chairperson
Board of Inquiry

This is a submission on the following proposed national policy statement (the proposal):

Proposed national policy statement for freshwater management.

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

1. Amending the list of goals (p2)
2. Re-ordering the objectives (pp2-4)
3. Drawing stronger attention to the defined words list (p10)

My submission is:

I support the preparation of this NPS with minor amendments as below.

I seek the following changes to the proposal:

1. The list of goals (p2) should include a goal explicitly covering the protection and enhancement of ecosystems.

2. Assuming that the list of objectives as given is in some order of perceived significance, I suggest that it be re-ordered as follows:

a. Recognising and protecting the life supporting capacity and ecological values of fresh-water systems.

b. Enabling well-being of people and communities.

c. Managing demand for fresh water.

d. Efficient use of fresh water.

e. Iwi and Hapu roles and tangata whenua values and interests.

f. Ensuring integrated management of effects on fresh water.

g. Improving fresh water quality and reversing degradation. (This combines the previous objectives three and five)

h. Ensuring effective monitoring, data archiving and reporting. (words added)

3. The significant words and phrases listed on page 10 should be bolded where they first appear in the body of the text with a footnote referring the reader to the complete list.

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

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