

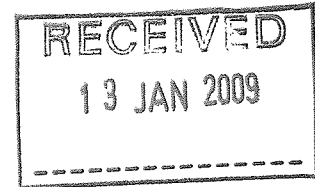
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EAST COAST HAWKE'S BAY CONSERVATION BOARD
TE POARI ATAWHAI O TE TAIRAWHITI KI HERETAUNGA

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:

[give details] Objective 3 – Improving the quality of Freshwater
Policy 2 (c) (iv)

The East Coast Hawke's Bay Conservation Board submission is:

- *Supports in principle having a National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management. The Board believes that such a policy would give a mandate and the ability to Councils to manage water in a more stringent way.*

I seek the following changes to the proposal:

[please state exactly the changes to the proposal that you are requesting]

- *Objective 3 – Improving the quality of Freshwater*

The Board is of the opinion that this objective does not go far enough and that "swimmable standard" should be extended to "be safe for food gathering" in the interests of Public Health.

- *Policy 2 (c) (iv)*

The Board has concerns with the requirement on local authorities to monitor and report, with reference to these draft policies. Many smaller councils lack the resources and capacity to undertake the required monitoring to a nationally consistent standard.

The ECHB Conservation Board do not wish to be heard in support of the submission.

B. Fullerton-Smith

Beverley Fullerton-Smith

Chair

EAST COAST HAWKE'S BAY CONSERVATION BOARD

Signature of submitter

(or signature of person authorised to sign)

Date: 12 January 2009

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

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