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To: Fresh Water NPS
Subject: Submission on Proposal for National Policy Statement for freshwater Management

To : The Chairman
Board of Enquiry

My submission is in support of the proposal as published.
Ammendments need to be made relating to non point source of water degradation.

I seek the following changes to the proposal :

Cummulative Effect.

No specific brief has been included that instructs the Regional Councils to formulate a limit or set of standards

That applies to their particular river catchments (NES)

Without taking the bold step of recognising cummulative effect and legislating accordingly you will never achieve

The results that you strive for. In many cases setting a limit will clearly recognise the need to destock and reduce farm

Activity in many oversubscribed areas, particularly the Waikato. The move will not be popular in the short run.

Basically it is similar to setting quotas .

The recent and current surge of interest in Dairy Conversions is impacting dramatically on more marginally

Acceptable Dairying areas. Lighter arid soils, alluvial water ways and a sudden flush of irrigation and fertiliser

Applications is a recipe for environmental disaster. Unless limits are set prior to development NZ is in danger of

Accelerating the degradation of our heritage rivers.

Public and farmer education is essential to gain the acceptance to draft the necessary legislation.

Each river catchment must recognise its own boundaries. Farmer input in conjunction with the scientific backing

Available from Landcare, NIWA and other government bodies must work together to achieve a sustainable conclusion.

Already recent research by NIWA scientists on the very marginal Upper Waitaki catchment is showing early indicators

To diffuse pollution that must be acted on. Safe operating levels must be set for total cow numbers, fertiliser input and

Irrigation volumes. The figures will be subject to review but must be conservative from the outset.

Cultural & Heritage Effect

Cultural & heritage effect is not restricted just to our indigenous population. Iconic areas such as upland Maniototo

And McKenzie Basin are what defines our New Zealand psyche. Pristine & relatively undeveloped regions as mentioned

Should almost have a heritage status attached that prevents the unaesthetic and insensitive dairy development that is

Happening with undue haste right at this moment. Clear felling all woodlots and recontouring the landscape all for the sake

Of the pivot irrigators.

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

However, if others make a similar submission, I will consider making a joint case with them at a hearing which I assume

Might be relatively central in the South Island.

Yours Faithfully
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