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Board of Inquiry,  
Proposed National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management,  
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Dear Board

A flaw of the proposed National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management is that it neglects the mixing of wai tai / wai maori. This flaw extends to the New Zealand Coastal Policy statement. I request that this mixing is covered by this proposed National Policy Statement.

I supports the three outcomes and the nine objectives of the proposed NFPS.

I would like the Board of Inquiry to note that the fresh water of Tuhoë are the groundwater's, rivers and lakes of Te Uruwera and its mists and fogs, they are named and are connected to Tuhoë by whakapapa. The Notable Values of the freshwater of Te Uruwera is that they are the relations and ancestors of Tuhoë. Those water resources in the area known as the Uruwera District Native Reserves 654109 (a), 264708 (h) should have as the Statutory Water Authority a representation body of all the functioning Marae of Tuhoë.

I request that the Board of Inquiry hold one of their hearings in the Maatutua waka area.

Thankyou,

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May I request the following publications - Ministry for the Environment - *Sustainable Water Action Programme; Wai ora. Report of the Sustainable Water Programme of Action Consultative Hui; Proposed National Statement for Freshwater Management. Section 32 Evaluation; Environment New Zealand 2007*