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1. Do you agree that overall water quality should be maintained or improved within a freshwater management unit rather than within a region? Why or why not? No

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Different districts have different water management needs. I live in a drought prone area where a blanket water management plan would be ineffective.

2. How should the attributes be applied, or the values protected, in giving effect to the requirement to maintain or improve overall water quality? Please explain.

Better management is required around the use of water for commercial purpose. Farming, and crop growing are contributing to the leeching of nitrates into our water table and aquifers.

3. What is an appropriate way to include measures of macroinvertebrates in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management? What alternative measures could be used for monitoring ecosystem health?

4. What information should be required in a request to include significant infrastructure in Appendix 3 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, and why would this information be important?

5. Do you agree with applying lake attributes and national bottom lines to intermittently closing or opening lakes or lagoons? Why or why not? Yes

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6. What information should be required in a request to list a water body in Appendix 4 of the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, and why would this information be important?

7. Do you agree with the proposed requirements and deadlines for excluding livestock from water bodies? Why or why not? Yes

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8. Should standards for efficient water use be developed?

Regional councils should be involved in this process as they can regulate, and help protect waters sources within their own boundaries. All new strategies should supersede any previous consents, bringing them into line with current water conservation and management policy.

9. Do you support easier transfer of consents? Do you think the changes outlined in Proposal 2.4 would better enable transfers? What other changes would better enable transfers?

Definitely not. Water extraction consents should be null and void when the original 'owner' of the consent, ceases to own the designated site of the extraction. This would stop water consents being bought and sold for profit to investors who buy land with the intent to exploit the consents for water bottling plants where those affected (i.e communities in drought prone areas) have no control over their water sources and aquifers.

10. How should the Government help councils and communities address over-allocation for water quality and water quantity? Should it provide guidance, rules or something else (please specify)?

All existing consents should be reviewed and brought into line with current legislation. Current long term plans should be retrospectively applied to pre existing consents, when over allocation has been identified to prevent and protect aquifers that are already under immense 'take', for the ongoing health and longevity of fresh water supply.

11. Should councils have greater flexibility in how they meet the costs of improving freshwater management? For example, by recovering costs from water users and those who discharge to water? Please provide examples.

No. Water needs to be free, clean, and accessible to all kiwis. As it stands, the water allocation system is being exploited. There needs to be better management around water allocation. The 'use it or lose it' system is wasteful, and ineffectual in regard to water conservation and management.

12. How can the Government help councils and communities to better interpret and apply Te Mana o te Wai in their region?

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hapū relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it?

14. What would support councils and iwi/hapū to engage about their values for freshwater bodies?

15. What are your views on the proposal for a new rohe-based agreement between iwi and councils for natural resource management? What type of support would be helpful for councils and iwi to implement these to enable better iwi/hapū engagement in natural

16. What are your views of the proposed amendments to water conservation orders? Outline any issues you see with the process and protection afforded by water conservation orders?

17. If you are involved with a marae or live in a papakāinga, does it have access to clean, safe drinking water? What would improve access to clean, safe drinking water for your marae or papakāinga?

18. Do you agree with the proposed criteria for the Freshwater Improvement Fund? Why or why not?
No. It's not detailed enough and does not allow communities to tackle their local issues sufficiently.

19. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposals?

All water in NZ should be clean, free and readily available to all kiwis. The continual rape and pillage of our underground aquifers by frivolous users and water bottling plants needs to stop. Our water sources and aquifers need protection, not exploitation!