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Releasing submissions

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? Yes

Why or why not?

Agricultural intensification has increased significantly under the current government, meaning there are more animals (primarily cows) putting more pressure on the environment and waterways. We need to reverse the associated decline in water quality that has been caused by this intensification in Canterbury and New Zealand.

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.

Almost all waterways need to be fenced and the majority planted with native vegetation. I support larger drains and other smaller waterways also being required to be fenced, This would include drains and waterways that are 50cm to 1 metre wide and that may only have water in them seasonally (i.e 4-6 months of the year).

All waterways that are 1 metres wide or over should all be of swimmable water quality.

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?

For larger waterways the diversity of bird species using that waterway could also be used alongside using macroinvertebrates.

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? No

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8. Should standards for efficient water use be developed?

Yes efficient water use standards should be developed. But there is a bigger discussion that Councils need to be able to have and be able to influence and that is the ability to be able to instigate moratoriums on dairy farming or capping cow numbers within a region or sub catchments if necessary.

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?

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)?

Possibly a good start for the government is not to sack elected Councils such as Ecan. So I would support the government work towards mentoring Councils rather than a heavy handed and undemocratic process of sacking of Councils if they struggle with water management or other related issues.

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. Absolutely, Councils need a varied range of tools to meet the costs of protecting freshwater. This is likely to be locality/region specific and communities/Councils should be able to decide this.

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? Yes they should.

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?

19. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposals?
The National bottom line for freshwater should be swimmable. The cost to future generations of anything less is far too high a cost.