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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? Yes

Why or why not?

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.

Set a minimum standard for water quality and monitor waterways on a regular basis. Prosecute people who discharge into the waterways causing water quality to fall below these minimum standards.

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? Where appropriate set minimum concentrations of macroinvertebrates but it may be difficult to establish a cause if levels fall. Minimum quality standards should allow levels to be maintained apart from natural causes e.g. disease, local warming.

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? I'm not well enough informed to comment.

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

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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? As above

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

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8. Should standards for efficient water use be developed? Yes though implementation will be a lengthy process. Standards for N2 diffusion also are required. Farmers need

to be involved as well as regulating authorities and CRI's to help develop mediation strategies. They should be applied by limit setting with a viable time scale.

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? Can't comment.

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)? Govt. shouldn't need to.

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. Yes a system of measuring usage and discharges in the rural sector is needed hence equitable cost recovery can be applied. Note the water itself is free, just the management costs need to be recovered.

12. How can the Government help councils and communities to better interpret and apply Te Mana o te Wai in their region? There should be no race based interest in water control.

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hap? relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it? Doesn't apply if there is no right of interest.

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

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/hap? engagement in natural I don't support any such agreement.

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? I don't know enough to comment.

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

18. Do you agree with the proposed criteria for the Freshwater Improvement Fund? Why or why not? Haven't studied it.

19. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposals? I applaud efforts to address water quality and usage.