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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?

Need statutory national minimum standards for such an important resource. Regions can have increased standards as desired above a common minimum

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. Legislation

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? Must be minimum species listed. Levels of nutrients must have maximum allowable values

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?

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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?

"Efficient" water use ignores refilling of aquifers and waterways downstream of takes. Aqualink data for sprinkler irrigation in Central Otago has resulted in downstream flows drying up, aquifers not recharging and downstream users of water finding there isn't any!! Runoff from flood irrigation kept aquifers charged, kept downstream water running and kept a healthy ecosystem in place.

Efficient use of water ignores these downstream affects which are important for drinking water supplies and recreational use.

Communities should decide their own water use criteria in consultation with their regional councils.

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)?

Over-allocation has to be addressed. Again, communities must decide, but may need a set of guidelines.

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. They must fund this activity from somewhere. Because water quality is a national issue, funding from taxes should be part of the equation.

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

Water is for all. Air is for all. No iwi or other group should have any priority over this resource.

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hap? relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it? No. nothing to do with any particular racial group.

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

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

Forget it. Iwi have the same rights as any other New Zealander in resource planning.

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? Rivers must be swimmable as a minimum standard

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? The same as for everyone else

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? Keep race out of water issues