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To whom it may concern. It is with growing alarm that I read of plans to vest partial or full control of lakes & rivers to iwi, with the apparent intention of gaining monetary reward. The creeping disease of so-called 'special rights' for one ethnic group in N.Z. is undermining the foundation of our democratic and free society - one which has evolved at great cost in human lives through conflict over many generations. That one group is 'trying it on' is no surprise, but the chilling fact is that so many of our apparently educated and wise 'leaders' in the Political and Legal sector are swallowing this nonsense in the interests of political correctness, or worse, for fear of being accused of racism if they disagree. Even a cursory inspection of the Treaty of Waitangi reveals that we all have the same rights, privileges & responsibilities under the law - no more, no less. The Maori tribes who signed in 1840 agreed to cede sovereignty to the Crown - thus attaining equal rights with all other British subjects. The recent invention of 'partnership' supposedly contained in the Treaty has been used to aid & abet a power grab by a greedy few who claim special rights based on their ethnic background. If New Zealand is to make progress as a nation, we must oppose separatism of any sort and adhere to the founding principles of one law for all citizens. Water, Air etc. are provided by nature to sustain life. They belong to everyone. David Darby [REDACTED]