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To whom it may concern: I wish to submit strongly against the proposed control or co-governance of NZ's freshwater by unelected or racially-orientated groups (of any race). I do not wish to speak in person to my submission, but would like my views noted. New Zealand's freshwater belongs to New Zealanders, and associated decision-making on its control, allocation and use is the sole job of elected councillors and parliamentarians. Giving unelected vested groups joint management or co-governance rights and power of veto over councils is undemocratic and abhorrent, and contrary to what the vast majority of New Zealanders want, which is a 'one law for all' open and democratic society without favour to any race or creed. I am also appalled at the complete and unconscionable lack of publicity of these proposals to date. The Policy Statement On Freshwater document which apparently exists, should have been sent to every registered voter in New Zealand, giving a clear explanation of what is proposed. Secrecy and obfuscation has no place in an open society on a subject as important as this. I am completely opposed to race-based and race-favoured proposals for freshwater reform (and to any race-based legislation) and I am horrified that the current or any government would even consider it. I, and many other New Zealanders like me, are disgusted with the race-based preferential separatism which has insidiously but deliberately been legalised into our way-of-life in recent years. My vote in 2017 will go to the MP or party which supports removing all such race-based legislation from our statutes, and/or I will actively vote against any MP or party which fails to give a credible guarantee to do so. Yours faithfully, Chris Gane, [REDACTED]