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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

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Some regions do not have the available funding, which should come from Government Funds and be managed as a whole New Zealand wide, also it would be better to have a New Zealand wide legislation rather than individual Regional laws so everyone knows what the standards are and to be maintained.

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.  
investigation should be carried out to see why the waterways are so badly polluted in the first place, then corrective action for all the causes should be found out and then policy put in place to prevent the pollutions e.g if Stock Fencing/If Rubbish/toxins etc then a Nationwide Education plan and corrective taskforce put in place to work on these waterways.

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?  
When landowners are apply for water consent access or water allocation from properties boarding rives lakes other, it should be written into their consent that they obtain water samples and submit them say 4 times per year and help with the monitoring/help reduce costs, also some rivers the people using them should also help with the monitoring e.g Whitebaiters, fisherman etc people who's best interest it is in to help with conserving/maintaining waterways.

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?  
New Zealanders need to be accountable for Fresh Water, it is up to everyone to preserve/protect and maintain this source of water, once it is gone we will not get it back. The National Policy needs to call for protection of all waterways in the same way it does for protected birds, and wildlife, national parks etc -

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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if this is the only way to protect a lake or lagoon from further erosion or pollution then then I do agree with it, if it is

to be sold off or used for profit for overseas/offshore Companies then I do not agree.

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?

That these cannot be sold off or the rights to waterways be given to offshore/overseas companies who would not care about looking after the water body.

Location of Waterbody, The people who use/access the Water Body e.g is it Dairying / Is it Private Use / Group Use / Part of a Destination e.g Tourist Location / this would help in identifying what measure were further needed for protection/conservation of the Water Body and which Water Body's were high/low risk etc, where to put the most money/time in managing the body of water, they could also be given a grade of importance then e.g High Risk, Minimal Risk, Urgent etc

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?

Water Standards should be Developed. Standards for good Management Practices should not only be developed they should have already been in place for the last 5 years, further delays will make existing problems worse. Skilled Conservation experts should be involved in the development and people that have already been involved in Water Erosion/Pollution standards overseas?

Standards should be applied as part of the Consent Process e.g no infrastructure in place to prevent pollution no consent be issued, definitely also to be part of limit setting

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?

don't support easier transfer of consents, might make it easier for non compliance

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)?

Government should supply Guidance, Rules, Inspectors, Full Funding and a team of experts to help already badly polluted areas immediately before the problems become unfixable

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.

Councils and Government should be able to reclaim costs from the offenders to the point people who don't comply can be evicted from properties and asked to sell up for non-compliance as well as having a ban from being able to buy another property within certain distance from a Water Body or Lake/River etc in the future, if there are not harsh penalties/consequences farmers etc will continue to do as they wish regulations with no consequences are not much of a threat/worry to offenders.

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

Yearly checks on Council and Community organisations, yearly audits into practices/consents - more policy on large scale farms that may be outside the local Council's ability to make/maintain policy on.

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hapū relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it? Yes - Public Consultation  
Government Checking

14. What would support councils and iwi/hapū to engage about their values for freshwater bodies? Experience/ possible corrective actions / clean-up crews

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

It isn't really up to Iwi alone to take an interest in Resource Management, it is for all New Zealanders to take a part and be involved, Iwi don't always follow through on their promises and the New Zealand water bodies are too many for just an agreement like this work. The problems need to be fixed with a more specific skill based team of experts on Water Management.

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?

Issues would be the length of time that amendments will take to process, also to future proof amendments, e.g look beyond existing scenarios to some future problems that may occur and added these into the conservation orders / more public referendums also are required.

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?

Not involved in a Marae, but all New Zealanders should have access to clean safe drinking water, we should also be able to take our Children/ and Pets to a river/or lake and make sure they are safe to swim/drink the water which we cannot say is true in some of the local North Otago Rivers.

18. Do you agree with the proposed criteria for the Freshwater Improvement Fund? Why or why not?  
no. The funding will not be enough and will take too long to get of the ground.

19. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposals?

This is a topic that has greater importance than changing of the flag and yet it has been given a lesser priority - Why?