

Subject: Fresh Water Management submission

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Fresh Water Consultation Team Ministry for the Environment Dear Sir Submission re discussion document on the management of fresh water I oppose all provisions that promote the management of our water resource along racial lines. Water is a resource in common, of interest to everyone but owned by no one. In is my view that:

- The interests Maori have in water are common interests held by all New Zealanders, and
- To assert a right over water is to assert a property right that does not exist in statute or common law, and
- Management and allocation of the water resource should remain with regional councils solely, representing the interests of the community as a whole.

I wish to make a full submission should this matter proceed to a Parliamentary Bill. Yours faithfully...
Stephen Grove