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I must register my strongest objection and disapproval of any proposal to give Maori control over fresh water. That control should always be vested in central government (and not placed in the hands of local government) . Control by Maori would be tantamount to ownership. Nobody should own fresh water. No race-based small group should control this natural resource.

It is absurd to even think that Maori should have rights that others don't have simply because they preceded European settlers in NZ. Their particular set of values does not over-ride those of other sections of our population.

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