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- 1. Water is a public resource. The Prime Minister's claim it "belongs to no one" is nonsense. It belongs to the people.**
- 2. Minister Nick Smith wants to lower standards to "boatable and wadeable". Rivers should be clean and "swimmable"- at the least.**
- 3. There are several causes to the deterioration of rivers-urban effluent, dairying, and forestry. Having large areas of dairying or forestry is bad planning.**
- 4. Having a price on water and allowing these to be traded is wrong.**
- 5. Rivers must be managed as a "whole" not split into sections with varying standards i.e. freshwater management units.**
- 6. For under 5 million people, NZ's state of rivers is a disgrace. Flows are disappearing. Rivers are now dry where once they were popular with swimmers and anglers.**
- 6. NZ's "100% pure" and "clean and green" is looking like lies!**