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Releasing submissions

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

Why or why not?

I think it should be at a catchment level, not region. REgion is too large an area.

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.

I don't agree with an unders and overs approach. I don't accept poor water quality in some areas can be balanced by extra good standards elsewhere. New Zealanders deserve good water quality throughout their rivers and streams.

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?

The Macroinvertebrate Community Index' should be adopted as the enforced standard.

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?

5. Do you agree with applying lake attributes and national bottom lines to intermittently closing or opening lakes or lagoons? Why or why not?

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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?

7. Do you agree with the proposed requirements and deadlines for excluding livestock from water bodies? Why or why not?

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8. Should standards for efficient water use be developed?

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?

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)?
Yes, please develop guidance for Councils. I don't want ratepayers to pay for each council to go through a long, expensive process of figuring this out for themselves.

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.
Yes, Councils should be able to decide their own ways for recovering costs. Councils have a wide range of situations to deal with and should be able to customise as far as possible. As long as government gives them sufficient mandate to make users pay.

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

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hapū relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it?
Frankly this sounds like an imposition of costs on ratepayers. Not that iwi/hapū relationships with freshwater bodies are not important but don't make this another box ticking exercise for councils to have to go through unless it is going to have real and measurable impacts on how waterways are managed.

14. What would support councils and iwi/hapū to engage about their values for freshwater bodies?

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

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?

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?

18. Do you agree with the proposed criteria for the Freshwater Improvement Fund? Why or why not?

19. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposals?
Please don't allow delays in applications for water conservation orders. This just undermines something that is meant to be an important protection.