

## Next steps for fresh water

### SUBMISSION FORM

The Government is seeking views on the way fresh water is managed in New Zealand.

For more information about the Government's proposals read our [Next steps for fresh water consultation document](#).

**Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday 22 April 2016.**

### Making a submission

You can provide feedback in three ways:

1. Use the online submission form available at [www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/next-steps-fresh-water](http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/next-steps-fresh-water). This is our preferred way to receive submissions.
2. Complete this submission form and send to us by email or post.
3. Write your own submission and send to us by email or post.

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## Submission form

The questions below are a guide only and all comments are welcome. You do not have to answer all the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, please explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate.

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\* Questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

## Fresh water and our environment

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

No

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.

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?

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?
- Yes
- No
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?
- Yes
- No

However all stock should be excluded

## Economic use of fresh water

8. Should standards for efficient water use be developed? Should standards for good management practices for diffuse nitrogen discharges be developed? Who should be involved in their development? When should they be applied to consents (eg, on consent expiry and/or on limit setting and/or permanent transfer)?
- Yes. Regional councils and NIWA. They should be compulsory
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?
- No. Consents no longer required should be surrendered.
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)?
- Should use mandatory guidelines
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. Small councils like the West Coast have a limited budget and large users and any discharger should pay total cost of enforcement

## Iwi rights and interests in fresh water

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

I am a firm believer in no one group having any more rights in relation to water than any other group. Race based controls are not the way to go.

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

This should be voluntary

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 resource planning and decision-making?

I am against it! There is no room in a democratic country for anyone group to have say over water. Maori have the same rights as the rest of us and any representation should be by democratic vote of the people - not by any god (govt) given right without the say of the people. If they have concerns then they need to make representation like the rest of us and accept that in any democracy this is the way it works.

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?

## Freshwater funding

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

## Other comments

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

## Releasing submissions

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**Please check this box** if you would like your name, address, and any personal details withheld.

Note that the name, email, and submitter type fields are mandatory for you to make your submission.

## When your submission is complete

If you are emailing your submission, send it to [watersubmissions@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:watersubmissions@mfe.govt.nz) as a:

- PDF
- Microsoft Word document (2003 or later version).

If you are posting your submission, send it to Freshwater Consultation 2016, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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