

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. 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

The dubious qualification and expertise of local bodies to manage this universally valuable resource.

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.

The greatest good for the greatest number in any particular environment. For instance, where tourism is a major money-earner the quality standard should be suitable for recreational purposes; where farming is the major money earner, the quantity requirement should have preference over the quality.

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?

Do you mean prawns and koura? Clearly this requires specialised knowledge.

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

To guarantee a constant supply of natural power.

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

Only where the water available for stock health and maintenance is also accessible for human consumption.

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

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

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)?

Councils and communities should not have control over the allocation of water. Unless the decisions relating to such are made by duly elected representatives of the community.

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. Those who profit from the use of a natural water supply, should bear the cost of cleaning up pollution

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?

They shouldn't. This is a false concept.

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

Yes

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

Every New Zealander values freshwater bodies and iwi/hapu should have no special regard in this respect.

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 firmly against it.

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?

N/a

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 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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Afternoon Attached is a submission from a constituent who went to the meeting that Hon Nick Smith held in Taupo last Wednesday 20 April. Kind regards

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[REDACTED] Subject: Freshwater Consultation Meeting I attended, and was very impressed with the presentation by The Hon. Nick Smith on the governments plans with regard to fresh water management. My comments are:- 1. It was very comprehensive and thought-provoking, but not a 'consultation,' for the purpose of receiving and considering the views of the public on the issue. It was more of a presentation to inform the public of the governments intentions. Comments from the floor were countered rather than recorded for consideration. The only exception seemed to be when someone said that her organisation had evidence of an increase in e-coli in the Waikato River after a 1080 drop. 2. The government seems to have adopted an uncritical acceptance of the 'partnership' principle erroneously attributed to the Treaty of Waitangi. This is contrary to the clear intent and plain wording of the original (Littlewood) treaty and its contemporaneous explanation and translation in Maori language. My submissions are:- 1. That the requirement for consultation with the local iwi on all matters relating to the control and usage of fresh water be deleted. It is unconstitutional and undemocratic for the views of one un-elected section of the inhabitants be given weight over the views of all the residents - and rate-payers - of a community. We all care for the maintenance of the quality of this precious commodity. 2. That the 3 Articles of the Treaty - purportedly an agreement between sovereign entities (not between nations, in this instance, as the Maori tribes were not one nation) - be given nation-wide publicity in their original, unadulterated form. Valerie Penlington