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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Iwi Water Rights are a no-no

Dear Dr Smith,

I am seriously opposed to the allocation of any water rights to Maori. I am part Maori, but I cannot see why, in a multi-cultural country such as New Zealand is, any possible reason for one race to benefit from the supply of water from Earth's atmosphere. I am absolutely certain that rain fell on this land prior to any Maori waka landing. We are blessed with copious rain most years which is a great part of what keeps our land green and our people, flora and fauna healthy, and I am absolutely convinced that Maori do not cause rain to fall.

No-one should benefit from something that nature supplies free and is a basic necessity to life on Earth, not just to Maori. Water is essential to all life on Earth, therefore we should all have rights to fresh water. We receive it at no cost and it should be available at little or no cost. If Maori wish to profit from it, they should pay for the privilege just as other businesses must by way of taxes.

I would prefer to have fresh water delivered to my dwelling, even if I had to pay to have a filter installed and then pay for maintenance on it rather than receiving treated waste water full of chlorine, fluoride and whatever else is poured into our water and be expected to pay for the "privilege" of receiving it and paying again for the treatment of any I am deemed to have "wasted"!

Please urge your colleagues to make an effort to reconsider the National Party Agenda and consider the rights of all people living in, or visiting, this country.

Yours faithfully,  
Margaret Pilcher

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