

Subject: My submission on the Government's fresh water proposals

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I agree with the submissions made by the Morgan Foundation. It actually makes me SICK to think that private companies have been allowed to walk into this country, bottle its water and sell it off overseas. This can never be the correct way for people to live. It is criminally stupid and driven by unregulated capitalism gone mad. Capitalism NEEDS strong regulation by Government, otherwise mad situations like this occur. Please listen to the Morgan Foundation and think of ALL New Zealanders - THE PUBLIC - when making your recommendations. The needs of investors, corporations and anyone who stands to make a profit out of our God-given water should be put LAST. Here are the submissions originally made by the Morgan Foundation, which I have amended to indicate my even stronger views. 1. The Government must implement all recommendations of the Land and Water Forum. 2. National coordination is essential and should be implemented by a task force and legislation with the rights of the PUBLIC coming first. 3. I do not agree with allowing trading in water. But if it is permitted in future it must be implemented in tandem with a SIGNIFICANT resource rental on the owners of water use consents, sufficient to deter such trading. 4. The bottom line should still contain an aspiration of swimmability unless communities transparently decide otherwise - even the current bottom lines have exceptions. 5. A national inspectorate should be set up to enforce stock exclusion, catchment maintenance and improvement. 6. I welcome the inclusion of the Macroinvertebrate Community Index. 7. I support the use of cost recovery from consent holders but believe this must be broadened to include a resource rental to pay for fresh water clean ups. 8. I support the inclusion of iwi in consultation and note that iwi values are very close to those of the New Zealand public on swimmability and food gathering. Iwi rights over water also need to be resolved as part of the general issue of water ownership. 9. Funding for freshwater improvement should absolutely not be used to subsidise irrigation. Regards Frances Potter

