

Subject: Submission on fresh Water

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To the Ministry for the Environment, I would like to make a submission on fresh water in New Zealand. Clean and safe freshwater is essential for life, quality of life and livelihood. I support the swimmable (primary contact) standard as the bottom line for waterways. Our freshwater legislation aims to "safeguard the health of people" however this is contradicted by the current 'wadeable' bottom line which allows waterways to be contaminated with four times the safe level of E. coli for people to swim in. Swimmable must be our bottom line to keep people safe. I personally think everyone should be safe when drinking water out of a river and the standard for the quality should be 'swimmable'. Regards Claudia Schenz