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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

Why or why not?

Yes, more experienced personnel can be obtained and work together looking at our fresh water as a whole rather than piecemeal achieving an overall improvement rather than a regional one.

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.

These need to be set by scientists, environmental experts on flora and fauna not politically. The water should be safe to swim in and drink.

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?

The small creatures that enable frog, fish, crays to live in water are and excellent way of measuring a fresh water lake, rivers health. Without these the whole ecosystem collapses.

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?

Any infrastructure on a water course could cause environmental issues up and down stream. These need to be noted and any potential effects understood and managed,.

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

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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?

Documentary evidence that a council and its community has examined all potential options to improve water quality to above a bottom line and concluded that the required interventions would place an unmanageable burden on the community or are too uncertain to properly quantify.

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7. Do you agree with the proposed requirements and deadlines for excluding livestock from water bodies? Why or why not? Yes

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8. Should standards for efficient water use be developed? Yes. Nitrogen discharge contaminates the water.

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? yes.

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)?
Cleaner users should come first. Users who want to bottle and sell water should be banned. Farmers who cannot guarantee clean water should be excluded until they can

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, factories and farmers who discharge waste water that is not purified should be charged.

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

Maori have the same right to elect councils as everyone else. they need no special race based treatment.

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hap? relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it? No, If it was that important they would have done it already

14. What would support councils and iwi/hap? to engage about their values for freshwater bodies?
None. Maori have the same right to elect councils as everyone else. they need no special race based treatment.

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/hap? engagement in natural

Idiotic. Too much power being given based on race. It will lead to more issues and separatism. Maori have the same right to elect councils as everyone else. they need no special race based treatment.

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? Fine.

17. If you are involved with a marae or live in a papak?inga, does it have access to clean, safe drinking water? What would improve access to clean, safe drinking water for your marae or papak?inga? this question should be asked of all New Zealanders not one race based group.

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

19. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposals?
No one race should have more rights, power, consultative rights or control over fresh water. Fresh Water is a basic Human Right equal to all humans world wide. All New Zealanders are equal when it comes to fresh water

