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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

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Yes, however this does not go far enough. Water quality should be maintained (where pristine) or improved within the water body itself rather than by a management unit or regional approach. Each stream, river and lake has to be individually improved, with the bottom line being their standard today. Any further degradation is unacceptable and the government and councils should actively be ensuring that the health of water bodies is only improving; there are alternate options to support economic growth in Aotearoa but there are no other options for our waterways. They must be individually protected and individually enhanced.

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. N/A

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? N/A

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?
Given the significant impact of this infrastructure on waterways, public consultation must be a bottom line as well as a requirement for investment in water quality enhancement in another water body in the region.

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? N/A

7. Do you agree with the proposed requirements and deadlines for excluding livestock from water bodies? Why or why not? No

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8. Should standards for efficient water use be developed? 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 comment.

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)?
Rules. The buck stops with government and where they delegate their governance role for water, they should be responsible in ensuring councils and community organisations have a set of rules which uphold water quality and do not lead to over-allocation.

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. No comment.

12. How can the Government help councils and communities to better interpret and apply Te Mana o te Wai in their region?
By acknowledging that Māori have an enhanced interest in water, a kaitiaki responsibility to manage it and to not actively undermine tangata whenua interests in water. Any legislation for councils and communities managing water should have specific requirements to give effect to the Māori interest in water. Legislation should provide for tangata whenua to undertake their role as kaitiaki (alongside councils where appropriate) in managing water.

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hapū relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it?
Iwi/hapū relationships with freshwater bodies should be self-identifying, and councils should be required to give effect to those values.

14. What would support councils and iwi/hapū to engage about their values for freshwater bodies?
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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
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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?
They do not go far enough - WCO applications should require consultation with iwi (meaning that the application does not proceed until iwi have been able to engage) and to give effect to their views on the application.

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?

Acknowledging that tangata whenua values for water are not limited to Māori freehold land and as such that their values should be given effect to management of the whole waterway (as the problem for clean, safe drinking water is often an upstream degradation of the water quality).

Earlier requirements for stock exclusion and methods to limit the run off from forestry into fresh water bodies.

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

19. Do you have any further comments you wish to make about the Government's proposals?

Run-off from forestry is a major factor impacting the health of fresh water bodies in Hauraki; this needs to be addressed through the National Policy Statement in a way that enhances the health of water bodies and empowers tangata whenua in areas where forestry has a notable impact on water.