

# Copy of your submission



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Releasing submissions

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?

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.

I think it is not "pragmatic" (a word Nick Smith over-used at the public meeting) for water quality to meet wadeable standards - I think it is too low a standard, and that swimmable should be the level for water quality.

The country can't have it both ways - 100% pure/Clean Green has been extensively marketed overseas - you can't promise and then under-deliver. Nick Smith also stated that our water quality was better than many other countries - I would suggest that our low population density has been a large contributor to that.

I have seen wadeable water and it is pretty bloody horrible!!

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?

I'm not sure solely measuring macro-invertebrates is enough - they can die back and then flourish in a very short time span, whereas fish populations are more stable.

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?

5. Do you agree with applying lake attributes and national bottom lines to intermittently closing or opening lakes or lagoons? Why or why not?

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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?

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?

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?

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)?

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.

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

13. Should councils be required to identify and record iwi/hapū relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it?

14. What would support councils and iwi/hapū to engage about their values for freshwater bodies?

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

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?

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?

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

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