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To whom it may concern: The politics surrounding this issue (once again) give concern that National is trading away our water rights and avenues of legal redress to lock in a few Maori Party votes for National Party sponsored legislation. Fresh water (like the foreshores that Helen Clark protected with the Sea Bed and Foreshore legislation) belongs to no one exclusively. Yet National repealed the Clark legislation and replaced it with secret negotiations for provisions that could not be redressed in our courts of law. We get inundated with throw away assurances from politicians; and they expect us to trust them. Do they think that we have forgotten Richard Nixon who was famous for both his "trust me" statements and for his lies? We will not forget any political transgressions when it comes to the next general election. Hugh Webb [REDACTED]  
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