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**To:** [Water Consultation Submissions](#)  
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Dear Sirs

I wish to state my strong opposition to giving Iwi any control over our natural water supplies.

- The water in our lakes and rivers has simply fallen out of the sky and should neither belong to nor be controlled by just one section of our community.
- Even if there is no suggestion now of Maori charging for water they will be in a position to do so at some stage in the future.
- Water is becoming an ever increasingly valuable asset and should be owned by the country as a whole.
- I say this as a strong supporter of the National Party and as a former Vice President of that party.

I do not want to be heard in any select committee hearings but just want to lodge my opposition to current plans.

Sincerely

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