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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?

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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.

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?

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?

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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.

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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?
I am not well informed on the Government's proposals at this stage. However I understand that the government is considered giving control of lakes and rivers to Maori interests. I strongly oppose this, as I generally oppose all race-based policies. New Zealand belongs to all New Zealanders, and all citizens should be equal under the law regardless of their "race", a construct that is increasingly meaningless in New Zealand where we have so much inter-marriage between the formerly distinct Europeans and Maori peoples.