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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?

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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.

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/hapu relationships with freshwater bodies, and how should they do it?

Yes they should identify and record relationships but it should not be just for iwi/hapu but for all users such as recreational groups. I don't think councils should be burdened with an expensive and time-consuming process seeking out these groups. Publicly giving an invitation for users to identify a relationship would be the most cost effective, especially considering that ratepayers and taxpayers would ultimately be funding the process.

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

I would expect that councils already have processes in place for discussing values. Iwi/hapu have opportunities to engage within these same processes.

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/hapu engagement in natural

I do not agree with iwi/hapu being involved in decision-making. This role should remain with publicly elected representatives. To give iwi/hapu decision-making rights puts them above and outside the democratic process which applies to everyone else. No one race should have preferential rights in the decision making. This is racism. Iwi/hapu already have the same opportunities to influence decision-making as other citizens already have in the form of being able to vote for representatives.

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 papak?inga, does it have access to clean, safe drinking water? What would improve access to clean, safe drinking water for your marae or papak?inga?

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?