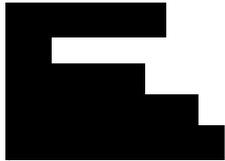


# Your submission to Clean Water

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## Clause

What are your thoughts on the proposed swimming targets, for example, on the timeframes and categories?

## Notes

Stop calling it swimming. You don't get sick swimming, you get sick when you swallow water. You can swim and not get sick. You can roll out of a kayak and swallow water and get sick. Given our current water plights lets make the urgent items ... urgent. 2040 is too far away. Throw away the terms 'swimmable' and 'wadeable' . It's confusing. It's most likely when you swallow the water either deliberately or accidentally when swimming, tipping out of a boat, getting splashed, hiking across a river, fishing etc that you run a certain risk of becoming sick. Let's just have Gold -Silver and how about Brown standard water quality . Keep it simple Mr Minister. We need to be honest with ourselves. E-Coli levels ... Let's set our gold standard somewhere a little more ambitious than 540 E coli units per 100mls that's in the new policy. And let's put more resources into measuring these levels. Our current A (Gold-)standard is 130 E Coli/100ml. Lets aim high not set standards low. Keep the policy as simple as you can. Where can we get the biggest returns in terms of maintaining or improving quality?

## Clause

What do you think about the proposed amendments to the Freshwater NPS?

## Notes

When I listen to scientists on radio new zealand struggling to interpret your policy I know you've not kept it simple. I agree its complicated. But you MUST do something a little more pro active and in a more timely manner. This is an election issue.

## Clause

What are your thoughts on the proposed stock exclusion regulation, for example, the timeframes and stock types to be excluded?

## Notes

You really do need to spend some urgent resources identifying critical areas and fencing them NOW regardless of beef/ dairy. The fencing time frames aren't too bad. I would like to see you address intensification though. I can't run my business because of water pollution !!

## Clause

Do you have any other comments on the contents of the Clean Water discussion document?

## Notes

Here are my overall thoughts I shared with our readers I would like to see a policy that is a little more ambitious. Given our current water plights lets make the urgent items ... urgent. 2040 is too far away. Throw away the terms 'swimmable' and 'wadeable' . It's confusing. It's most likely when you swallow the water either deliberately or accidentally when swimming, tipping out of a boat, getting splashed, hiking across a river, fishing etc that you run a certain risk of becoming sick. Let's just have Gold -Silver and how about Brown standard water quality . Keep it simple Mr Minister. We need to be honest with ourselves. E-Coli levels ... Let's set our gold standard somewhere a little more ambitious than 540 E coli units per 100mls that's in the new policy. And let's put more resources into measuring these levels. Our current A (Gold-)standard is 130 E Coli/100ml. Lets aim high not set standards low. Let's protect our most vulnerable water ways, tributaries and aquifers right now. The stock exclusion timelines aren't too bad but it's too holistic. High risk areas are known, let's work harder in these areas right now. Enforcement. Let's start rewarding the good and really put some effort into punishing those who are intent on doing what they please without thought for the 'downstream consequence' . Put more value on water. There are still many players making money out of a national resource without paying a fair return. In the last 12 months we are exporting drinking water while people in New Zealand are having to boil water or are getting sick. Let's aim to maintain water quality with a goal to improve where needed. Water testing - we need it much more often in high use and high risk areas. Empower interest groups to help. We are happy to get involved in taking samples. Most important let's stop blaming the other side of the fence ; let's get on with it... the farming community needs to continue to work together to reward the good and either educate or punish the bad. Water allocation and intensification needs to be addressed now. Urban and city dwellers you need to watch what goes down your drain. We need to work to ensure storm water is managed. We need to let our councils know this is a high priority. - Keep it simple - Do more NOW. Show some urgency. Make an impact - This is an election issue. National will not be getting my vote with this policy.