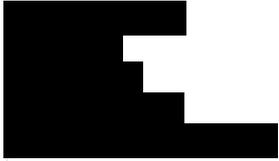


Your submission to Clean Water

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

Notes

Doubling the quota for allowable e-coli levels on "swimmable" rivers is not implementing a clean water policy in the interest of New Zealanders. If there's a good chance I can go down to an "excellent" graded river on any day, and get sick - I don't call that clean. [ref: <http://www.radionz.co.nz/news/national/325538/diving-into-the-muddy-water-of-'swimmable'>] We need to set an evidence based standard, that we can trust. Basing it off of science, and not one that is clearly leaning towards the status quo for a primary industry (by the way, tourism is one). Please consider ACTUAL science, not what's ideological, or greedy.

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

Notes

Firstly, I recommend setting a baseline for the exception of waterway rules in a case-by-case basis. The baseline being, that it's not a public waterway, and cannot cause any environmental damage further than the private waterway. Secondly, farmers need to do much more than setting up a fence 1m from the waterway. Nitrates can still seep down banks. We'll need to make the rules so that there is a 3-5m gap between the river and the fencing. And within that gap farmers will need to plant riparian to filter out any potential nitrates - which is what DairyNZ is already proposing! [ref <http://www.teara.govt.nz/en/water-quality/page-2>]

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

Notes

Summarise: * Standards need to be scientifically based (they aren't currently) - New Zealanders want clean rivers back, we want to swim, fish and create memories with our waterways - like so many older New Zealanders have had. We need to protect our environment, and that's our priority. We can do that and still be economically okay, stop taking the easy road! * We need to protect our waterways from nitrates. We need to plant riparian on the banks between the fence and the waterway. This will include shade trees, which will help with filtering nitrates and to cool down the waterway (plus look beautiful, if all native of course). * I haven't formed much more opinion on other parts of the document quite yet, so the lack of comment on these issues does not mean I do or do not agree with them. I will make further submissions if need be.

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