

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?

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I think that calling a river swimmable when you have a 1 in 20 chance of getting sick, and possibly contracting a serious and life changing disease is a misuse of language. Even if that is only a risk 20% of the time or whatever it is it does not accord with what most of us would think of as swimmable. I believe that unless a river meets the good or excellent standard it should not be described as swimmable.

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

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While I believe that the objectives would be worthwhile improvements I don't think they go far enough or provide a road map to achieving a standard we would want. I also think that including a guideline that would ensure a healthy environment for the whole ecologic community in a river should be a part of any freshwater policy framework.

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

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Stock exclusion from rivers is important but is only part of the problem. Nutrient leeching and water extraction need to be tackled too

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

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Water quality is a vital concern for me and I would like to see it prioritised over economic growth. I believe that imposing economic costs on those who use and pollute water is needed to provide economic incentives for those whose activities have degraded our waterways to change to more sustainable land management systems. The sort of controls that have been used around Lake Taupo to preserve the lake water quality should be applied nationwide

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