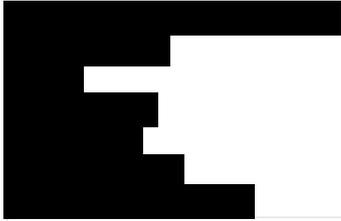


Your submission to Clean Water

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

Notes

I think that we need to be improving our water quality not changing the grade system so that we can effectively allow more e-coli into the water. That is nuts! We must make restrictions tighter. We should also be banning Whitebaiting and Fishing for 10 years or so to help populations to bounce back. Healthier populations of freshwater creatures will also help our water quality.

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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

I believe Agriculture is our most important industry. Farmers should be encouraged to farm smarter and and more long term focused rather than over fertilizing. We should all country and city alike be planting waterways, rather than making laws to fence stock off from waterways. The practical realities involved are far too complex. Streams flood all the time, fences will continually be flooded away. the economic cost of fencing will be too much for many farmers. and New Zealand waterways are far too diverse to whack the same regulations on everything. Instead educate our our farmers about best practice in using fertilizer, and support them to plant waterways up. Solve the problem with the sensible solution! Do not penalize farmers, support them in positive initiatives.

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

Notes

To me it seems that the government is effectively privatizing water. The government is also planning to not only allow councils to charge for water, but to also allow consent holders of water and discharge allowances to sell them. Not Ok. Our reserves of water are precious and we cannot afford to sell off the rights!

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