

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

The time frames for swimming targets (2030) and (2040) are too long. I think targets at shorter time frames (1-3 years) should be identified in the plan and a clear policy statement that monitoring and review in these shorter time frames will be carried out as a priority. The swimmable targets are aiming low, "comparable to European standards" is like saying we aim to be as polluted as Europe in twenty years time? This gives us twenty more golden years of tourism before europeans will no longer want to visit NZ because we are no longer different. The minimum acceptable state for swimming is 540 E. coli per 100ml, We should be aiming to exceed the minimum more of the time, so at the very least the "swimmable" green and yellow categories should be ≤ 540 E. coli per 100m 5-10% and 10-20% of the time respectively.

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

Notes

There is still ambiguity surrounding how we are to monitor and report water quality improvement. It seems like appendix 3 of the NPS-freshwater should be labelled the 'too hard basket'?

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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

A quick look at the swimmability maps would suggest that the stock exclusion on flat/rolling country with good annual rainfall (dairy country) should have full exclusion immediately.

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

Notes

Any freshwater quality and quantity accounting system should be standardised across all regional councils. This should feed into a national database that is appropriate to be viewed and analysed by the public.

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