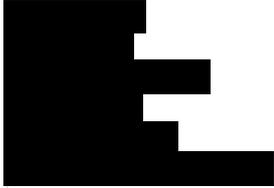


Your submission to Clean Water

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

Notes

Swimmable rivers need to be truly, rather than 'statistically' swimmable. They need to be ecologically clean enough for natural plants and fish to thrive and for all people to swim safely at all times of the year, in all parts of the country, without risk of getting sick due to bacteria or other conditions due to nutrient imbalances. Necessary regulation and legislation regarding contaminants and water use should be drafted immediately with short time frames for compliance, in conjunction with scientific estimates for time it will take to revert to ecologically sustainable balances. We have had the data for years and it is only corporate and individual greed and arrogance that has allowed the degradation of our waterways to continue. Enough is enough and the time is now!

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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

All stock should be excluded from waterways immediately - a business that cannot manage compliance costs should not be in business, nor should the rest of the tax paying public be liable for propping up individual and corporate interests. We need a scientifically sound riparian belt around all affected waterways ie approx 50m not the ad hoc 25m that is currently, and sporadically in place

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

Notes

We have a responsibility to ourselves and future generations to manage water sustainably. Tourism is worth more to our country's economy than Dairy and is a far more sustainable industry. Similarly, in the face of rapid climate change, we need to conserve water for our own public needs and to ensure we have reserves in times of drought etc. Our water tables need to be conserved against weather irregularities. therefore, all major irrigation schemes need to be under moratorium and an equitable user pays system introduced. Again we are paying for individual greed, and UN-sustainable business practices in country such as Canterbury and McKenzie basin where a few make profit from a communal resource and do not pay, as individuals, for the consequences that arise. This is NOT good business and must stop.