

# Your submission to Clean Water

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## Clause

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

## Notes

New Zealand has built its world wide reputation on its clean/green image. Where is the proud 100% pure New Zealand??? gone. The proposed targets are set far too low and time frames are far too conservative and set too far out. It will allow the situation to deteriorate even further and then there will be a good excuse to do nothing about it. The ability of Kiwis and our visitors to be able to swim in our rivers is vital; Wading capability is a very poor target made up by people who probably do not even consider swimming in our rivers. It is a politically incorrect decision. A much more aggressive action is required now; The becoming of our rivers is looking very bleak. The elected people of this country are turning their back to their own people, the Kiwis, and seem to be quite happy to take the same attitude towards our rivers than the Elected people of Indonesia, Philippines, and their dear friends of China. The matter is of national significance and I don't believe our political leaders are doing what we pay them to do - lead !

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

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A very good friend of mine would say "this is bullshit ref. this is bullshit". This is exactly what it is and unfortunately with my everyday job this is what happens to often . I walk in it. Our freshwater resource is under severe threat due to intensification of dairy farming and ill consented irrigation permits - both of these factors have led to a massive increase of nitrogen & other phosphates leaching into our rivers

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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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Excluding stock from waterways should be just the start, what is more important is the leaching of nitrogen into our waterways. Fencing off properties with stock should become compulsory, and a volunteering action from the farming society. Measure should be put in place for contrevant with few cents a KG of solid milk taken away from their revenue (at the source , means the co-operative like Fonterra ) and put back into fencing. Easy done and a great incentive. A compulsory buffer zone should also be crated along the waterways with filtering systems in the way of green fences, trees...Also we are sick to see the big head of this country (the judge on the Hurunui River valley) getting away and not being sanctioned. We are in a Democracy where everyone should be judged equally regarding of it social economical situation.

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

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Over the past 20 years there has been an increase in dairy cows of over 70%, over the same period there has been an increase in nitrogen leaching of over 70%. Are we surprised that we have the same percentage increase ? Do I hear ministers rejecting the evidence. Open your eyes Wellington. There must be much stricter controls on dairy farms and their effects on the environment - specifically around nitrogen leaching and water use. Ecan is a waste of time in ways of sanctioning the contrevant. No action taken . This is getting to real joke. The cost to our country and the environment of dairy intensification is too great - urgent action much be taken now! Finally if irrigation is required in some regions when I see centre pivot irrigators in areas like the Grey River Valley where up to 3700mm of annual rain is recorded it becomes evident the only concern from the people allowing such entreprise is a political one. The Environment, people's health, clean water, safe water is totally ignored.