

# Your submission to Clean Water

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## Clause

What are your thoughts on the proposed national swimming target, and/or proposed amendments to the Freshwater NPS to improve water quality in relation to swimming?

## Notes

Although I understand the current legislative proposal to address the deterioration in water quality in New Zealand due to dairy farming practices and increasing population I am concerned as a citizen that the proposals for legislative lack aspiration.. Although the Clean Water swimming threshold set in the proposed legislation is more restrictive than the current secondary (boating/wading) National Bottom Line in the 2014 National Policy Statement (NPS) it still does not comply with the "minimum acceptable state"™ for swimming suggested by the NIWA Principal Scientist in the NIWA Technical Background report for MfE "Clean Water" Swimmability Proposals for New Zealand Rivers (2016). Setting at a lower water quality standard than recommended by good science and instigating a minimal monitoring regime makes it predictable that we will not have even met the low standards at a time where other OECD countries are aspiring to ever more aspirational environmental criterion. Our rivers are coming under increasing stress as population increases and dairy dominates the landscape. The proposed legislation does not adequately address in a responsible manner the future of our children and their children, Please consider setting the proposed water quality levels to those recommended by the principle scientist Sincerely Ian Clayton 203 Nottingham Road Hastings 4120 New Zealand