

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

These are the basic minimums. Swimmable is hard to define. Some water is swimmable but dead to all biota. The present condition of waterways should be the minimum, improvement to all is necessary.

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

Notes

Not strong enough. The Nitrates and phosphorous loss is promoting the growth of algae. This can kill dogs let alone be harmful to adults. Not a good look for our tourists.

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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. Farmers have pastures which are sometimes wet and sometimes dry. They should take care to avoid when streams flow from them. The creation of sediment from these when wet is a great concern.

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

Notes

This should be the first step. Sediment is a great worry as it strips away farmland and runs into the sea where it covers aquaculture and fish life. Our childrens heritage is being flushed away. Livestock numbers should be limited in such cases. Also the wastage of water in cities is too much. At 700 litres a person per day some Cities are sucking water out of aquifers rather than leaving it for crops and livestock. We cannot afford to waste it yet we are doing so. A promotion for water saving is vital for all New Zealanders.