

# 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

The "swimmable" standards proposed aren't good enough and the timeframe too long to get on top of the issue of providing healthy rivers, not just for me and my 2 grandchildren, but the whole community, now and into the future. We need to protect the habitat of the freshwater animals and plants (many of which are now threatened) - the freshwater ecosystems sustain us all.

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

## Notes

Recent major reports on the state of our rivers and water supplies are not good. The increase in nitrogen-nitrate levels is alarming. Also of great concern is the disappearance of wetlands due to land-use intensification for dairy farming continuing at a phenomenal rate. A comprehensive Government response is required and QUICKLY. Regional councils need to adopt a minimum Macroinvertebrate Index (MCI) for waterways. A recent OECD report makes a clear link between irrigation & dairy intensification, and worsening water quality. Action is needed Immediately before a precious resource is lost to generations of New Zealanders.

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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

Councils and Government authorities must be more rigorous in their monitoring and overseeing of the regulations with regard to stock exclusion from rivers and lakes.