

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?

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The Government is obviously on the back foot on this issue and is trying to be seen to do something. The position put forward by Nick Smith the Minister is beyond belief. The categories and standards do not fool anyone except the Minister and anyone willing to listen to him. At best they are confusing to the point that the only conclusion that you can come to is they have been designed that way. It has to be either incompetence or bureaucratic obfuscation. In either case the proposal and the process is reprehensible.

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

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I have heard the debate and the position put forward by Fish and Game and can only agree with their conclusion that the requirement for local councils to take into account economic considerations is designed to subvert the RMA.

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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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I support any proposal to exclude stock from waterways and the sooner the better.

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

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The issue of fresh water management has become politicized to the point where only an independent commission / public inquiry into all aspects of fresh water management is now required to obtain a balanced outcome in the management of our fresh water.