Wellington Fish & Game Form Submission

Dear Ministers Parker and O’Connor,

I would like to make a submission in support of the *Action for Healthy Waterways* package. Please see my submission and contact details below:

**I want clean water in New Zealand’s rivers, streams and lakes**

- Setting limits on nutrients, sediments, and bacteria to improve water quality.
- Having regulations where required, rather than relying on voluntary actions to improve water quality.
- Rewarding farmers for sustainable farming and improving water quality in their catchments.
- Requiring cities and towns to improve wastewater treatment and discharge.

**I want to safely swim in New Zealand’s lakes and rivers without getting sick**

- Make all lakes and rivers safe for my family (and pets) to swim in year-round.

**I want waterways that are healthy for trout and aquatic life**

- There should be provisions that specifically protect trout habitat.
- Having clean water to support a healthy ecosystem.
- Having nutrient and sediments limits to support a healthy ecosystem.

**I want to be able to experience the natural environment while walking or fishing**

- I want the river, stream, or lake to look clean. I don’t want to swim in partially treated human wastewater.
- I want the river or stream to have good flow year-round.

**I want more wetlands in the landscape**

- Incorporating wetlands into the landscape to help catch nutrients, stop silt and provide habitat for waterfowl.
- Restore and create more wetlands in floodways managed by regional councils.
- Help fund more wetland restoration and creation work.
- Make a target for each region to restore 10% of its original wetlands’ extent.
- Establish rules that encourage landowners to create and manage wetlands on their property.

**I support farmers actively protecting waterways**

- Acknowledging the meaningful actions that progressive farmers are taking to improve water quality on their farms and in their catchments.
- Provide Government funded financial support for farmers’ on-ground initiatives to improve water quality on their farms and in their catchments.
- Government and industry bodies (and others) working with farmers and catchment groups to highlight options available for good practices to improve water quality.

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