Your submission to Action for healthy waterways – consultation

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**Clause**
Proposals as a whole - please refer to questions 1-3 on page 19 of the discussion document

**Notes**
Te Wai Māori Trust supports the government’s objectives to stop further degradation of freshwater and habitats, and to reverse past damage of freshwater, waterways and ecosystems within a generation. In particular we support the implementation of the values of Te Mana o Te Wai, where the rights of the wai itself comes first. We support the idea of an independent national body to provide oversight of freshwater management implementation. The trust also strongly supports the idea that no further wetlands of streams shall be lost to development. These are integral and essential places for our taonga species to live and breed. There should be no further loss of these environments. We support the recommendations of the Kahui Wai Māori group, and recommend that the Crown implement these.

**Clause**
New planning process for freshwater and redrafted National Policy Statement - please refer to questions 17 on page 36 of the discussion document and questions 40-42 on page 53

**Notes**
Te Wai Māori also supports the proposals to amend the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management that provide for the improved protection for threatened indigenous fish species, and the new provisions for fish passage.

**Clause**
Exceptions for major hydropower schemes - please refer to question 19 on page 36 of the discussion document

**Notes**
Dams and other structures are huge impediments to the passage of our taonga freshwater fish species as they migrate both upstream and downstream. We propose a national policy that provides for fish passage will make power generation companies and others give better regard to the migratory patterns of our fish such as tuna, which migrate from the ocean into our rivers to live, then back downstream into the ocean to breed.

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