

National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management 2011 amendments

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Comment:

I request that you change the Compulsory Values (Section 4.3) to swimmable, and over time drinkable, water for all New Zealand Rivers, streams and all fresh water.

This is a feasible and achievable standard of water quality. Countries in Europe have restrictions on fertiliser use and their farmers have learned to adjust and remain profitable.

Safe for Swimming must be the minimum level of quality for all our freshwater.

Allowing a continuing decline of water quality to 'wading or boating only' is unacceptable.

Farmers need to clean up their act and stop nutrients running off their land into water.

No factory should be permitted to discharge contaminated water or any waste into any river or stream.

No individual or business should be permitted to contaminate water.

Go for Attribute State A as a goal for every body of freshwater for every Attribute.