

To whom it may concern,

We as a family regularly swim & fish in the rivers and lakes of North Otago. It is nothing short of a DISGRACE the direction our national waterways are going. For example, Intensive Dairy farms in the high country at the head of major rivers and lakes such as Benmore??? (Ben Omar). How did these get approved? There is clear evidence all over the country (and globally) of the damaging effects intensive farming and nitrate levels have on the quality of waterways. When are the government and regulatory bodies going to take this issue seriously? We are killing our waterways and future generations will be left with a toxic wasteland if we don't take action now and set strict standards for water quality.

All New Zealand freshwaters should be swimmable, fishable and safe for food gathering and the National Objectives Framework MUST include measurable parameters that directly relate to these values.

We very much need the rivers and lakes in New Zealand and North Otago to be habitable to trout and salmon and safe for fishing and eating the fish taken. We also need them to be safe for swimming in the future.

Please don't ignore the future of our waterways, which are crucial to the country's future,

Yours Sincerely, [withheld]

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