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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater

I am a freshwater fisherman of many years and have been privileged to experience some wonderful days on various rivers in both the North and South Islands. Of recent years I have noticed the effects of increased land use – particularly dairying – and its effect on invertebrate life – particularly with respect to low land rivers.

I understand that the proposed nitrate levels are to be set where the effects would be toxic to sensitive fish like trout.

I urge you to reflect in the proposed standards that our freshwaters should be swimmable, fishable and safe for food gathering. The proposed National Objectives Framework should include measurable parameters that directly relate to these values. In particular I want my grandson who likes to go fishing with me have the same pleasures that I have enjoyed, of going fishing catching a trout and taking it home for the pot, with the confidence that it is safe.

Yours Sincerely

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