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SUBMISSION It is submitted that

- developing Proposal 2 for National Objective Framework should be based on land use planning
- the decisions and activities under Proposals 1 and 3 flow from that

REASONS

There is no doubt that there is a need to improve fresh water resources management and use. However the proposed amendments start from the wrong point. Fresh water use flows from land use in the widest urban and rural sense, and further policy developments should start from there. It is ironic that the LWF ignored the first word in its title and focussed on water.

The current structure, proposals, and questions in effect dictate or at least influence land use by its effects on fresh water, rather than the logical situation (and starting point) that is that land use is reflected in all other effects (e.g air, soils, traffic, GGE, economy etc) including water.

REQUIRED DECISION BY MfE

For rural land, that the Land Use System for setting fresh water standards be mandatory, and be linked to Land Management Units developed within each catchment. That will provide the base for proposals 1,2,3, and implementation of the NPS -FM should be conditional on those decisions.

(in rural terms, the current proposals are arse-about-face)