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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.

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.

How will Hawkes Bay attract new families to live and work here if the water standard of rivers is worse than what they are accustomed to in their own country?

What about tourists? They will stop coming to the Bay if it does not live up to the "Clean Green New Zealand" brand that they have travelled so far to experience.

Many people who live here have moved from heavier populated countries to settle in a country that promises to offer a cleaner less polluted way of life -are you sure they will stay if the government fails to protect this?

Please think carefully about the opportunity you have to improve the image of the Bay, to keep attracting new families to live and work here as well as to improve the health and lifestyles of the people who are already living here.

Sophie Buller.