

To the ministry of environment.

This is my submission to state that I think NZ rivers need to be better protected.

Since I was a child (I'm 50 now) I have noticed a huge decline in river quantity and quality.

Cattle effluent clumps the size of buses floated into our whitebait nets in 2012 and I imagine a lot of that whitebait ended up in Auckland restaurants to name a few.

The smell was disgusting and trying to get the white bait out of it and clean it was so unpleasant.

We didn't sell what we got as we do it for fun not money but there are those that would sell it. I imagine the whitebait had swallowed some of that smelly stuff.

I rang the council and they said it was too hard to find which farm it came from. I said give me a plane for 30 mins and I would find it. This was at the Waiau River in Southland and I know a lot of its whitebait is sold all over the country.

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

I as an angler and a person who loves the out doors and especially being a mum who wants my children to enjoy the rivers and lake and sea , want the **local** rivers and lakes where I go fishing to be habitable to whitebait, trout and salmon and safe for fishing and eating of the fish taken.

Regards Sally Edgerton

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