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To Whom it may concern,

I am making this submission against the proposed policy as I believe some of the levels described are excessive and do not protect the waterways or in stream life.

I believe all New Zealand rivers and lakes should be of a swimmable quality and also safe for food gathering.

Our country as a brand is marketed as such which brings in a substantial income to the country in the form of tourists spending on outdoor experiences.

This would be under threat if the quality of our freshwater was degraded in any way.

With the pressure already on the waterways due, in no small part, to intensive dairying and irrigation we are on the brink of losing so much of our local rivers and lakes.

The allowable level of Nitrates are set above a safe level that would be toxic to some species of fish.

This is but one of the immediate concerns which would cause damage to our priceless natural resources, the rivers and lakes of which we are only guardians of.

As an angler I have witnessed degradation over time and feel the need to add my voice to preserve the state of our waterways for the next generation-our children.

The revenue gained by relaxing the protection will be spent by a few well before it is realised that we have lost something irreplaceable to us all

Thank you Adrian Ellis