

New Zealand needs to learn from other countries that have passed the point of no return and need to protect our rivers and waterways at all costs. why! so all New Zealanders, now and in the future

can enjoy this wonderful natural resource that ... can stay that way forever with careful management.

I am a keen fisherman, but that aside it is the **responsible and right thing to do** ... our legacy for future generations. Farmers and the business community need to buy into this resource and understand their interests are short-term and that the state of our rivers is long term and they need to operate within these parameters, ensuring natural resources come first: **be world leaders !!!**

I have lived in Asia for five years and as you know NZ is a paradise and there is no reason as to why it shouldn't stay that way.

Gone fishing !!!

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