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**Concise Submission to Ministry for the Environment on
National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management 2011 amendments**

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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.

I firmly believe safe for Swimming must be the minimum level of quality for all our freshwater, rivers and lakes.

Allowing a continuing decline of water quality to 'wading or boating only' is unacceptable and will be a shame in the face of our 'clean and green' image that is worth so much to New Zealanders and an important factor in marketing tourism and New Zealand agricultural products.

Best Regards

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