

OUR SUBMISSION:

The so-called Freshwater Reform is a cynical mis-nomer. A 16-year time-line tells everyone concerned that in this Government's view, no urgency attaches to the standards for water quality. "In 2030, few of us in local or central government will be around to answer for any failure to meet the standards. No problem!"

With this attitude and the continuing intensification of dairy farming, our rivers and lakes look certain to become more polluted. So many beautiful places tainted, so many streams spoiled for fishing and swimming. So much damage to our national image.

This will be a key issue for us in the forthcoming election. We will talk among our friends and family, and will vote for the party that imposes regulations and fines, hefty enough to bring urgent action.

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