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Submission on amendments to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2011

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. I support the development of this NPS however oppose it in its current form.

The main reasons I oppose the proposed amendments to the NPS for Freshwater Management are:

1. It needs to be very clear that the objective is to maintain and improve water quality in each FWMU.
2. There should be associated bottom lines to achieve this. The current bottom lines are set too low and will not achieve an improvement in NZ's water quality. A bottom line should be set that waterways are safe for swimming.
3. Averaging of water quality monitoring does not make sense and does not provide a clear picture on individual water resources.

We need clear and effective bottom lines if we are to achieve an improvement in NZ's water quality back towards levels that we value. The cost of land use effects on water quality must be accounted for.

Thank you for considering my submission.

Yours sincerely

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