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While I find the proposed amendments to NPS-FM laudable I believe them to be a cynical ploy by government to

appease an increasingly worried public about the state of our rivers, lakes and freshwater in general.

They are proposing a modest fund to help monitor water quality at the same time have set up a \$400 million fund

to facilitate and promote the increase of irrigation.

I live in [withheld] have a proposal to dam the Makaroro river to create the Ruataniwha Water

Storage Scheme (RWSS) which will provide irrigation to about 30,000 hectares of free draining country.

This scheme will benefit a few landowners but at what cost to the general public and the environment?

If Canterbury is anything to go by I have grave doubts as to the ability of the Ministry of The Environment to

protect us and the proposed amendments appear to be mere window-dressing.

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