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Subject: Submission 05123 - Andrea Hay - Submission for proposed change to National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management
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To whom it may concern,

I wish to make a submission regarding the proposed change to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

I am lucky enough to live in Nelson with my husband and three young daughters as well as extended family. In the past we have loved playing and swimming in the Maitai River.

Unfortunately we have been unable to do so until recently (without putting our health at risk) because of the poor state of the river. It saddens me greatly to see the deteriorating health of the river not only affecting our ability to enjoy it but also the impact on the fish and invertebrates that live in the river. We often are alarmed at the colour of the river after rain due to the run off from the forestry. We also have great concerns regarding the impact of the farming in this area, where we see stock in or very close to the river.

The public of Aotearoa have a right to access clean and safe waterways. We have a duty to our environment to prevent any further degradation of waterways and in fact to restore them. I want our children to grow up to be adults who take care of their environment and who do not prioritise short term financial gains over the health of the environment (as unfortunately this government seems to be). If our environment (including our waterways) becomes sick, then so do we, and in the long term financially the country will suffer too.

Please, it is important that we can swim safely in our rivers again.

Section 4.3 Compulsory Value needs to be set at a swimmable/ safe immersion level.

Kind regards,

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