

Please ensure that the amendments make the rivers and lakes safe for swimming, food gathering and continue to be fishable.

Locally the Hawkes Bay Regional Council are trying to place a dam on one of the tributaries to the Waipawa River. This stream is already in danger due to dairy run off, Waipawa sewage outlet and the lack of riparian controls on all the creeks that feeds it. We dont need any more nitrates flushed down this river. I fish the Tukituki and see all the weed in the steam below the confluence of the Waipawa that is not duplicated upstream of this junction.

Our rivers should always be safe for eating a catch.

Eel, whitebait, flounder and other fish are not seen in the numbers they were, the amendments must ensure the continuence of all fish who call thesae rivers home.

Respectfully submitted,

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