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To whom it concerns

I am attaching these photos of the wonderful holiday my family & I enjoyed, camping on the [ withheld ]  
We are lucky enough to have this river running through my family's farm and I have enjoyed Summers like this my entire life.  
Along with many other children in our community I learned to swim, dive, paddle a canoe, catch an eel, and fish in that very river.  
And for longer than I can remember this very spot has also been enjoyed by a number of community organisations and schools who have taken field trips and camps here.

It has come to my attention that your government (whom members of my family have voted for for as long as I can remember) is proposing a change to the National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management so that New Zealanders should accept that the water quality should be safe only for wading/ boating only. This is totally unacceptable and such a policy will not only condone a cavalier attitude to our precious eco-systems but will also allow the loss of a valuable resource for the people - especially the children of our country.

It is not surprising that members of my family have been forced to turn from "Blue" to "Green" on this very issue. New Zealand has traded on a "clean green" image which policies such as this have allowed to become nothing more than an embarrassing sham.

I request that you change the Compulsory Values (Section 4.3) to swimmable and over time, drinkable water for all New Zealand Rivers. This is a feasible and achievable standard of water quality. Countries in Europe of restrictions on fertiliser use and their farmers have learned to adjust and remain profitable. If my family can do it on our farm, so can the rest of New Zealand farmers. Allowing the continuing decline of water quality to "wading or boating only" is totally unacceptable. Safe for swimming must be the minimum level of quality for all our fresh water.

With many thanks for giving submission your serious consideration.

Your sincerely  
Fiona Hosford

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