

As an angler and retired fisheries scientist with NIWA, I am very concerned that the contaminant limits proposed in the National Objectives Framework will not protect a range of important freshwater organisms. For example the nitrate levels proposed are likely to be toxic to sensitive fish like trout.

All New Zealand freshwaters should be swimmable, fishable and safe for food gathering and the NOF should include measurable parameters that directly relate to these values.

It is not good enough to adopt limits that allow for continuing or even worsening contamination of our waterways.

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