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To Whom it May Concern

I am writing with regard to the proposed amendment to Freshwater management in NZ. I am a proud NZ citizen who has grown up enjoying the outdoor lifestyle and coastal and river environments. I would like to make the following points for consideration

- The amendments are written as acceptable bottom lines, but do not clearly articulate improvements which should be made to rivers across NZ
- Rivers must be safe to swim in, we are NZ not industrialised China or Europe
- Biological indicators should include fish, macro- invertebrates
- Limits on Nitrogen and Phosphorus
- Dissolved Oxygen should be measured across the whole river system not only at point sources of potential pollutants
- There needs to be an integrated plan for Estuaries and river mouth these mixing points are key nurseries for marine and freshwater species.

Please consider these suggestions objectively, I support and understand the positive impacts of intensive agriculture. Maintaining and improving the health of the river systems in NZ is our obligation to future New Zealanders. We have an opportunity to set a standard now for other countries to follow. Let's get it right and find a way to improve our rivers and get smarter about our farming techniques.

Thanks

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