

**Concise Submission to Ministry for the Environment on National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management 2011 amendments**

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**Comment:** The problem doesn't end with accepting lower water quality standards in our rivers. Fairly healthy streams will become polluted and coastal waters are then compromised as the water moves out to sea. I would prefer to see better water quality testing based on totally dissolved nitrogen level and Macroinvertebrate Community Index.

I request that you at the very least, 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. Smarter farming practise can use less fertiliser while remaining profitable, if not more so.

Safe for Swimming must be the minimum level of quality for all our freshwater.

Allowing a continuing decline of water quality to 'wading or boating only' is unacceptable.