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Subject: Submission 02061 - Chantelle Murley - Changes currently proposed to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2011
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Dear Minister for the Environment,

It has been brought to my attention that changes are currently proposed to the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management 2011 (NPS-FM 2011).

Section 4.3 of a November 2013 discussion document suggests that an amended Objective A1(b) should safeguard:

"the health of people and communities as affected by their secondary contact with fresh water".

I wish to notify the Ministry of my objection to A1(b) as appearing in the November 2013 document. I submit that the Objective should instead provide for primary contact with fresh water, being complete immersion.

There are three reasons for establishing the objective of complete immersion:

1. New Zealand is a country that trades upon its reputation as being clean and green, national tourism marketing our "100% pure" status.
2. We are a country that thrives on the outdoors. We are an active people, and a significant amount of that activity centres around our lakes and rivers.
3. The lower standard of secondary contact creates a greater health risk from accidental immersion, such as slipping while wading. The higher standard anticipates accidental immersion and negates risk.

The amended objective A1(b) risks our reputation, our pastimes and our health. Please ensure that the more exacting standard of primary contact is incorporated in the NPS-FM 2011.

Regards,

Chantelle Murley