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## Fresh Water Reform

I am sending you this email to record my concern for the state of our rivers, underground water, and lakes.

- 1 Our waters are precious and urgently need protection. We are lucky to be living in a country which has, or as had, pure water.
- 2 I want to see our government and all councils taking strong action to stop current pollution immediately. Polluters need to be fined and fined heavily. They should also be involved in cleanups and restoration. The longer pollution is allowed to go on the more expensive and difficult restoration of our waterways will be.
- 3 The government should support scientists and other groups advising and supporting those already trying to restore our lakes and rivers.
- 4 I would like to see councils, industries, including factory farming, and businesses meet safe emission and safe waste recycling standards.
- 5 I would like to see more careful evaluation and regulation of land use so that soil types, long term benefits for our natural resources and New Zealand (not overseas investors) must be met.
- 6 I wish to see the dairy expansion on the fragile Canterbury Plains and its once pure water table, and the resulting polluting halted then the water quality restored.
- 7 I wish to see far stronger control of access to our rivers for irrigation.

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