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I am quite disturbed to discover that the you are considering the core "Compulsory Values" for fresh water be defined as at a level that "will not present unacceptable risks to human health when used for wading or boating (except boating where there is a high likelihood of immersion)" and that "... there would be no more than moderate risk of infection or illness to people when wading or boating...that do not involve immersion in the water."

I am appalled that you would set a "core" level that low. Surely a core level would allow absolutely no risk to human health at all to persons immersed in the water. I can accept that the water would not be safe to drink, but surely we must be assured that swimming or falling out of a boat poses no risk to health, as opposed to the moderate risk to health that you propose.

I urge you to set the Section 4.3 Compulsory Value at a swimmable/ safe immersion level.

Regards
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