

Submission on Amendments for NPS – Freshwater

I support the values of eco system and human health for secondary contact for recreation as being compulsory.

I support the NPS in that **overall** water quality be maintained or improved.

I especially support the ability given to catchment communities to develop local aspirations, local solutions. Local solutions will provide workable long term solutions. As an absentee owner of a dairy farm in the Waituna Catchment, I have seen the biggest buy in for changes on farm result from community collaboration rather than top down directives.

I fully support the use of Long Term Data Trends.

Iwi/Maori values recognised

I do not believe that Iwi/Maori values should take precedence over the 'whole of community values'. It undermines the 'community collaboration' aspect of these proposed amendments. Iwi are not the only part of the community who value our waterways and or use them as a source of food.

Section 32

Economic and social cost and benefit impact reviews must be mandatory for any introduction of measures to meet bottomlines. As a rural dweller, if economic and social costs are not mandatorily conducted, there is a potential for policies/measures introduced to meet bottomlines to gut rural communities.

Exceptions

There must be no allowance for ANY one, individual, corporate, govt agency, urban council etc to be granted exceptions to the bottomlines. Everyone has to held accountable to the same bottomlines/rules. If not, it creates inequality in that those that are held accountable, could be forced in to higher cost remediation actions due to one or more sectors of waterway users being exempt, and as such increasing the degradation of waterways, and yet not having to 'clean up' their mess.

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