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I want strong rules that protect our rivers and ensure that they are safe for swimming. The proposed changes are inadequate. Ensuring rivers are clean enough to swim in should be a compulsory standard, not optional.

Too many recognized water quality indicators are missing. If councils don't have to monitor these indicators then we don't get an accurate understanding of the state of our waterways.

The rules should ensure:

- \* water clarity and periphyton cover (a measure of how much algae, bacteria and detritus is covering the river bed) are monitored, to ensure our rivers are safe for swimming;
- \* monitoring of aquatic insects to ensure our rivers are healthy;
- \* there is a limit on both problem pollutants nitrogen and phosphorus so they don't cause nuisance algal growth; and
- \* a limit on sediment to ensure our rivers are healthy.

Any exemptions to the rules should be limited to a list of specific water bodies.

One certain way to help protect our rivers is to ensure that we look after them and that the water is clean enough for swimming, not just wading or boating. Human health and our economy depend on safeguarding our environment.

And here a personal message from me to you!

I don't believe it and you must be joking in allowing more pollution into our rivers and sea. I came from a country with atomic energy and rivers all polluted to the beautiful and clean New Zealand, what I actually consider Maori Land first, now without asking you the Government give consent that companies and dairy's can pollute rivers and streams. Then you give permission for the offshore drilling without speaking to Maori and other people hearing their voice against it. I believe God has given Maori this land to be good stewards of it and this is not considered by the crown and the Government. Know God sees all and punishment will follow, know that.

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