

Your submission to Clean Water

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What are your thoughts on the proposed swimming targets, for example, on the timeframes and categories?

Notes

They are confusing because significant smaller rivers like The Brook in Nelson are excluded. It is probable that many of these are actually important local swimming places and the health risks associated with them will be ignored.

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What do you think about the proposed amendments to the Freshwater NPS?

Notes

The documents provided on the website are extremely misleading since they speak in generalities rather than providing the specific wording of the changes proposed. I understand from radio reports that these standards require councils evaluating proposals to further utilise freshwater to pay attention to ecosystem health PROVIDED this does not impair economic potentials. I understand this proposal is in conflict with the RMA and has been introduced as a device to circumvent the Act. It is retrogressive and a major threat to improving freshwater ecosystem health. It also has the real risk of prioritising short term economic development at the risk of eroding long term economic sustainability. This proposed amendment should be abandoned.

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What are your thoughts on the proposed stock exclusion regulation, for example, the timeframes and stock types to be excluded?

Notes

The Alternative Option of developing a stock exclusion plan with a regional council appears to be a cop-out in that it does not specify the bottom line standards that councils are required to demand. Providing timelines up to 13 years from 2017 are excessively long. All deadlines should be brought forward by 50%.