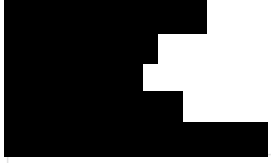


Your submission to Clean Water

Future Rivers (Steve Gerard)



Clause

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

Notes

The changes are very confusing, and the criticism is deserved, how can there be informed debate when there is so much confusion?? When so many clearly don't understand whether water standards will actually improve or not, how can they provide valid feedback? Makes this process invalid too - you need to start again, this whole issue is way too important to so many NZers for so many different reasons, it needs to be addressed properly, in a clearly understandable & transparent fashion. In fact I believe it needs a full public inquiry, chaired by an imminent NZer whom we can all trust, and so depoliticize the process. Water is a complex problem, it does need immediate attention, industries and a govt set on a growth path that means water quality will remain threatened are not the right groups to steer the process.