

# Your submission to Clean Water

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## Clause

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

## Notes

I support the target of 90% waterways to be swimmable and think the time frames unfortunately have to be as long as proposed to be realistic. BUT I think the definitions of the categories are unacceptably polluted. The system is complicated but from my understanding of it in the existing system to get the highest (safest swimming) grading no single E.Coli count could be above 260/100ml and looking at the tables E1 and E2 the 95th percentile starts at 130E.coli/100mls and at 261â€“550 E. coli/ 100 mL depending on other risk factors the lable is between 'follow up' to 'poor' YET the new proposed Blue (best level) allowsa 95th percentile of 540 E.coli/100ml!!!??? To say that plainly: the proposed level of E.coli allowed over the 4 measurement methods are way too high and would result in an unacceptable level of gastro-intestinal illness and other diseases being contracted from contact with that water.

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

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

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I support the proposed stock exclusion regulation recommendations

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Do you have any other comments on the contents of the Clean Water discussion document?

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When I tramp in areas where you can drink the clear river water I think it is great wealth. Swimming in rivers, streams, lakes and beaches is wonderful, it has been a core part of my upbringing and who I am. The declining state of our waterways is disgraceful, tragic and embarrassing. When this proposal cites 'similar to European guidelines' to support the proposed reduction in quality of the cleanest category I think that is disingenuous. We have so much more water falling as pure rain per head of population that we ought to easily be able to maintain it to a much higher quality than Europe. Please improve (reduce the E.coli count /ml by at least half) the blue and green categories to make them truly safe to swim in and keep the 90% swimmable target. Thank you for the opportunity to submit