

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?

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I believe the time frames are too long. I believe we should aim to clean up earlier. And put into effect help for farmers to plant all streams and fence from animals. I also believe councils must play a more active role in cleaning up storm water and sewerage problems in our cities. This needs to be done in a far more aggressive fashion.

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

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It appears to be rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic.

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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 understand the enormity of the job to fence off all streams from all stock, but this is what needs to be done. I don't believe farmers can afford this by them selves however, there needs to be government incentive in the form of tax cuts or some such.

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

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Unfortunately the state of our water ways is such that we require urgent action; incentive to fence and plant, incentive to clean city and suburban sewage, limits in stock numbers. Having an understanding of how bad our water is means we need urgent action.