

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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What of living targets? According to research 75% of New Zealand's native fish species are threatened with extinction. they don't just swim in rivers and streams, they live in them 100% of the time. The targets are too permissive.

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

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Not strong enough. Need to be bolder and incorporate standards for a wider range of contaminants.

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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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Excluding stock from waterways is good but not enough. Excess urine leaching through ground and groundwater is a bigger issue. Dairy intensification has pushed more cows onto land than it can cope with. We need a reduction of cows on land not an increase. the dairy sector should be steered towards higher quality dairy production not higher volume. Switch to once daily milking and more added value production, not raw milk powder profiting non-NZ companies.

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

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New Zealand tourism and agriculture sales rely on our Clean Green image. International and domestic awareness is increasing of the issues of dairy contamination of waterways, of decline in habitat for wildlife and cuts in the conservation space. New Zealand needs to be seen to take these issues more seriously.