

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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Not good enough. All our rivers, lakes and harbours should be swimmable as soon as possible. It is sheer complacency and negligence, coupled with poor governance and vested interests that have enabled them to get to the current poor state.

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

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Too little, too late.

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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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A mere band aid on a much bigger problem. It's recent intensive farming that is the real culprit, not long-established hill country farming. Fencing is costly and small streams on extensively grazed land demand huge, unprofitable expenses. Humans and poor sewerage systems for decades have wrought problems. Now tourism with excessive numbers freedom camping and on walking tracks (giardia in streams introduced in the 1990s) are having an effect.

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

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All life depends on water. Fresh, clean water is our most valuable resource and it should never be taken for granted (complacency in statistics) and allowed to make money for overseas investors. Who knows what climatic or global disasters may lie ahead.