

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?

Notes

The timeframe is far too long away. Raising the acceptable levels of pollution and setting these as the new "Norm" does not solve the problem of polluted rivers. There would be no way of the public knowing, on any particular day or in any particular water body, whether it was safe for them, for their children, for their dogs or for any other animals or birds to swim, wade in or to drink or even water their garden vegetables.

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

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The changes are inadequate to the severity and immediacy of the problems.

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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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The farming industry has had plenty of notice about this problem and the timeframe should be reduced to one year only. All farming stock should be fenced off from all the waterways and use of watering troughs brought back, or some such controlling system for the animals to access their water.

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

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I think that the use of "Clean Green NZ" as a marketing tool to attract visitors to the country is bordering on fraud as scientific evidence shows this is not true. It is not right to endanger visitors' health by intimating, through big budget advertising campaigns, that the waterways are pure and unsullied, when they are, in fact, in many cases at many times of the year, a hazard to health and life. Of course, the residents of NZ have even more right to access clean water than the visitors lured here through suspect marketing. Our children can be burdened by life long health problems through bad water. The recent poisoning of the waters of the people in Hawkes Bay more than likely contributed to the deaths of three elderly people, has resulted in severe health issues for some already and the potential, in the future, for many other health problems, especially in the digestive organs of young. Also, the cost of buying bottled water is ongoing to these people.