

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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We need to be serious about achieving these goals, with immediate and stringent action taken. I would like timelines reined in, and believe 2025 is an achievable goal. I also believe this clean water proposal needs to seriously embody Te Mana o te Wai for the health of every aspect of the rivers. This is greater than just us. We need to think about the future of the next generation and the health of the aquatic flora and fauna. I also believe the levels of Ecoli units needs to be lowered. It is not acceptable to increase these levels to allow continued intensive dairy and farming.

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

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The additions of supporting intensive irrigation need to be amended as our land and waters can not continue to support such activities. While I appreciate the needs of employment and economic development I do not believe these should be at any cost to the environment. We need to protect our land and waters. Please give more substance to Te Mana o te Wai.

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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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Once again I believe timeframes need to be tightened, I also believe sheep need to be included within the exclusions, I do understand that there are issues around fencing in steep gullies, however the water resource needs to be protected and therefore the work just needs to be done.

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

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Forestry and cropping have a huge negative impact on our down stream waters! Please ensure greater regulatory measures in this regard. The waters should be protected for the entire population of New Zealand, not just the farmers. Dirty waters will also impede our clean green image, and our tourism dollar. Also, we could take advantage of the premium paid for organic produce, while looking after our environment. Please consider how we could work towards this aim.