

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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New Zealand has built its world wide reputation on its clean/green image. The proposed targets are set far too low and time frames are far too conservative and set too far out. The ability of kiwi's and our visitors to be able to swim in our rivers is vital; we need to take much more aggressive action now; as the future is looking bleak for our precious rivers. This is a matter of national significance and I don't believe our political leaders are doing what we pay them to do - lead !

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

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Our freshwater resource is under severe threat due to intensification of dairy farming and ill consented irrigation permits - both of these factors have led to a massive increase of nitrogen & other phosphates leaching into our rivers

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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 should be just the start, what is more important is the leaching of nitrogen into our waterways.

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

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Over the past 20 years there has been an increase in dairy cows of over 70%, over the same period there has been an increase in nitrogen leaching of over 70%. Are we surprised that we have the same percentage increase ? There must be much stricter controls on dairy farms and their effects on the environment - specifically around nitrogen leaching and water use. The cost to our country and the environment of dairy intensification is too great - urgent action must be taken now!