

# Your submission to Clean Water

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## **Clause**

What are your thoughts on the proposed swimming targets, for example, on the timeframes and categories?

## **Notes**

Should be specific swimmability targets for each region, which can be independently enforced on councils by the Environment Court.

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

## **Notes**

It should require planting of a stream side buffer strip inside the fence area.

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What are your thoughts on the proposed stock exclusion regulation, for example, the timeframes and stock types to be excluded?

## **Notes**

Fencing of streams to exclude stock from waterways is fundamental need, with rules being notified within 3 years, and these to be enforceable. Need specified decision tool for assessing where the fencing requirement applies.

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

## **Notes**

The NPS must make the need for rules mandatory on councils. Regional councils should have their proposed Freshwater Management Units signed off by central government to check they are consistent with the guidelines. Environmental and human health must have priority ahead of economic wellbeing. Clarify s.104 to ensure the limits operate as such. Exceptions to limits should require the decision of central government.