

Your submission to Clean Water

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

Notes

Northland has different waterways that are warmer with very slow flow rates when compared to other regions. More effort is needed in the proposed amendments to allow local councils to set goals that suit the rainfall and river type.

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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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Some of my waterways have been fenced for over 50 years. These rivers become congested from exotic and native plants, dead and rotting plant life taints the water, peak flows are forced to flow across land. This results in river turbulence as the flow is forced over fallen logs or the flooding water returning to the river, all the time gaining sediment. Fenced rivers need to have a maintenance strategy,

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

Notes

Our Ruakaka estuary is deteriorating into a lagoon not flushing and allowing the upper reaches to drain out at low tide resulting in stagnant water and radically changing the aquatic life. the timing of this seems to have coincided with the early plantings and fencing of river banks.