

# 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

I think that an achievable swimming target is not good enough. Our waters were once good enough to drink from until farmers decided to crop and over fertilize the land to squeeze out more profit to pay the bank! When the water quality is totally stuffed, has any farmer thought about what they are going to use for the stock to drink ?contaminated water maybe ? Buy 2025 our rivers wi be stuffed by then, then what ?

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

## Notes

It is good that its been looked at, and its a start, but I think the acheivable time frame is not good enough. Not much has to be done to clean up our rivers, in my view , cow shit has bugger all to do with it. Its the lack of water to flush the rivers of contaminants. Cropping next to rivers , has to stop, it smothers the aquatic life, which feeds on the algie.30 years of direct observation , try proove me wrong .

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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

Ive seen cows standing and crapping in rivers for years, those same rivers never looked bad, and the water quality was acceptable. To many stock units per hectare is the contributing factor . Cows creat a lot of erosion for sure, which is fine in a flat paddock until its irrigated, which washes it into the rivers . Then the soil is lack of nutrients, so they poor more fertilizers on,which gets pugged up by stock, then washed in the water ways again .simply a stupid way of land management

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

## Notes

Hurry up , you know what has to be done ! Our tourism will suffer , which pays more than milk. You dont need to roll debt with the bank to make it work either, less national debt, more money spent protecting our countrys future