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Submission on the Water 2017 Consultation

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To the Environment Minister,

I understand the need to balance a vibrant economy and our need for growth. The re-branding of clean water standards is a good example of industry and money taking precedence over the well being and health of our communities.

Have you ever been swimming in ocean water completely contaminated and wreacking of manure? Try surfing at Kina Rd in Taranaki. Have you ever been to the doctor for fever and chills caused by these waters? Try swimming in Titahi Bay. Have you ever taken note of the of the persistent sedimentation of our rivers due to unchecked clear cutting of forests around the country? Just check out the Rangitiki River any day of the week. You can even stay in your office and see it on Google maps. Have you ever had an unknown infection caused by green sludge in a river? Simply take a dip in the stream draining Moke Lake.

Please, for the sake of all of us, take some time to swim in our oceans and enjoy our rivers. Not at some resort but any of the common areas listed above. Tell us how you feel when you get that first mouth full of cow manure, or that weird fever that shows up the next day? Tell us how you feel when your favorite swimming spot has green sludge across the bottom.

Why does money hold value over our health? What do you get from this move? Perhaps when people start coming here to see our 'clean green' and instead see our stripped mountains, milky brown water ways, and algae choked lakes they will stop coming? Perhaps when the tourist dollar stops flowing, you will listen? Perhaps when the land can no longer support commercial clear cutting of forests and the dollar suffers, you will listen? Maybe red tides appear at your favorite beach resort, this will help you understand.

This is not speculation. This is reality. Ever been to Chesapeake Bay? Even swim at or near the bay? Have you ever seen what a red tide will do your skin? It is happening. The only reason is that NZ is not seen to suffer, is because people like yourself turn a blind eye the reality of people and focus on the profits of your lobbyists and corporations.

Please stop this nonsense and take a stand for once. Make New Zealand the paradise it claims to be. At least hold accountable, those who profit from our land use, use our labour, and divert our resources for the profits of a few.

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