

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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As I want to swim close to where the river meets the sea, I realise that the standards guaranteed for the lower reaches of the river are the ones that are going to be most polluted. So the swimming figures for by far the greatest percentage of the population are a con.

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

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Another con. The policy statements are 8 years too late and are merely a tool that suggests that this government is serious about addressing the issue while putting all responsibility onto future governments. National's gains to date have failed because under their watch intensification has grown.

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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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We should have youth trained in conservation/fencing and the like, and have them out in the hills sorting the fencing and planted zones. Instead this government fired 1/2 the DoC staff, and doubled their work load with tourism. Shame that nothing good was able to be done about the problems that now haunt us. Stock exclusion is way overdue, and reduction in stock numbers appears essential. Stock needs to be excluded from all waterways, and also from areas around drainage channels, where the soil type demands.

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

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It seems that tax-payer \$s are going to be spent to clean up the water-ways. Meanwhile, those who have profited hugely by the created mess continue to wreak havoc, as demonstrated by recently released scientific data. For years the government has been advised that the true cost of intensive farming is far more than they have admitted, and now the problem is presenting it's account for payment. There is an industry here, and the government has been offered the suggestion that training people for that purpose was a great investment years ago. They killed the training programmes that got young people into the conservation field of work. Also, there appears to be a strong push for councils to give equal time to profit over environment. The environment must be put first. Water is a precious commodity that has to be protected for all, not just the few.