

# 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 seek a much more stringent definition of "swimmable". That swimmable water be defined such that the probability of a healthy person being made ill by immersion in the water be no more than 0.1%.

## Clause

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

## Notes

I am very suspicious that the proposal to require regional councils to consider economic wellbeing is simply a means for business, especially agri-business, to avoid paying the costs of their pollution. It is vital that considerations of economic wellbeing are rigorous enough to include all external costs of water pollution including additional water treatment costs and the costs associated with illness and harm to food sources that are likely to be caused by the pollution.

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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

In principle, I strongly support the requirement for rules in regional policy statements that stock be excluded from waterways. However, I do not believe this proposal will have much impact on water quality. It is general runoff from overstocked farms that is the main problem. We must reduce stocking rates.

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

## Notes

We cannot significantly improve our water quality and continue to intensify animal farming. In fact, we must reduce our current stock rates. The proposed changes to the national policy statement must address this.