

## **Submission; To National Policy Statement for Fresh Water Management and proposed amendments.**

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### **In General:**

I believe this NPS and its amendments represent what a farming friendly government thinks it can get away with in the face of vast freshwater spoiling by agribusiness. Government is forced into 'being seen to be doing something' in the face of almost universal concern over lakes and rivers and so has resorted to sneaky conniving to leave the door open for more irrigation, more dams and more dairy intensification .... and more economic and environmental disaster.

### **Swimability:**

I think I understand how this is supposed to work! And which ever way you look at it, it is an attempt to dress up a bad situation.

### **Regional Council responsibilities:**

The proposed amendment on p. 12, Objective A2, elevates so-called economic well-being to at least the level of importance of the other RMA objectives of good environmental outcomes.

This is an attempt to reinstate an objective that the National government attempted to put across parliament on at least two occasions in reforms of the RMA and they failed to get any other parties to support it. It has been democratically rejected as being too extreme and here it is as a sneaky backdoor amendment which will make it extremely difficult to oppose further development of irrigation and dams.

### **Stock Exclusion:**

This document neatly avoids the very real problems developing in the highcountry, mostly around beef cattle.