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Submission on the Water 2017 Consultation

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To the Environment Minister,
dear Mr Smith

It is disappointing to see that our countries rivers and fresh water resources in general are subjected to widespread degradation for the purposes of industry and urbanisation. In particular, the increase in water takes for agriculture and the increase in allowable levels of contaminates is simply not acceptable.

The recently announced changes to rules are something of a sham and do not even address the critical damage to aquifers and rivers, that being nitrate levels.

I reject the so called benefits of industrial agriculture if it means degradation of a single water way or aquifer.

I reject the myopic approach to the management of vital communal resources and its subversion to the profit generating activities of individual or corporate activity for short term gains.

I reject the subversion of our political decision making process where the interests of a minority subsume the well being of the majority.

I also sure that would agree with these sentiments Mr Smith, yet your actions in declaring the new regulations and targets belie what are perhaps lost ideals??

Please strengthen regulations to ensure ALL rivers are swim-able and not open sewers to our towns and over stocked cow pastures.

regards
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