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I am appalled that the Minister for the Environment Nick Smith's has "watered down" standards for freshwater. The rules should be tightened up so that polluting industries- companies and businesses are not be allowed to contaminate our precious waterways (and the sea). Livestock should be fenced out of our waterways and a stop put to intensive dairy farming. Also, it should be mandatory appropriate Eco-sourced native plants are planted along streams.

The Organisation of Economic Cooperation and Development's (OECD) 2017 review of New Zealand's environmental performance found that we are reaching environmental limits and that fresh water is particularly under threat from diffuse pollution. This month, the Prime Minister's Chief Science Adviser released a report on the state of NZ's waterways saying that we must focus more on ecosystem health and management of fresh waterways.

I do not agree that shifting the goalposts to make a B grade an "A" grade will protect Kiwis or our rivers and streams. People should be able to swim in clean rivers, lakes and streams.

Thank you for reading this submission. I trust action will be taken to enforce a freshwater policy that protects the health of our people, our wildlife and our environment..