

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?

Notes

The inclusion of the cyanobacteria is odd, the blooms are generated by elevated water temperature, increased levels of nutrients and low flows. All of these conditions can be achieved by elevated nutrient load and water extraction during summer. If this is included we are basically leaving a huge loop hole in the law that WILL be exploited fully. So this should be removed from the proposal.

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

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Its heading in the right direction, however the time frames are way too long and could be acted on much sooner than 2030 and 2040.

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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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The more polluted water flows down the aquifers the greater the problems for the future. Water in aquifers can be hundreds even thousands of years old. The stock should be out of rivers and streams now. The fines imposed should then go straight back into further enforcement.

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

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Most farmers are certainly on the right track and working hard to comply I think and they should be given some leniency especially if they allow access to water ways for the public. However if they don't allow access they should be put under the microscope as they will be the unseen polluters. The public have eyes! This way access and water quality can both benefit.