

SUBMISSION on CLEAN WATER CONSULTATION 2017 ...(DOC: ME1293)

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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Consultation Document (CD) Clean Water 2017

I have experience with water rights (take and discharge) of industrial process fluids from the earlier days of the RMA in the 1990's. At the time I gained great respect for the fresh water scientists and their endeavours to increase understanding of river chemistry and ecosystems. Since that time however, river management appears to have been unreceptive to scientific input, judging by the decline in water quality that I have witnessed.

I was a great supporter of the government's initiative to assemble the Land and Water Forum (LWF). I believe the LWF's recommendations are soundly based and achievable if properly supported by Government.

I object to the fact that the Consultation Document (CD) does not meet the expectations created by the LWF.

I object to the low standards proposed for our Clean Water.

I object to the lack of clarity on measurement standards.

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