

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?

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It's not soon enough. There is no excuse for not doing our utmost to cleaning up our waterways urgently.

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

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The targets are not stringent enough.

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

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As an open water swimmer, I want to see targets set well above what it proposed. Water is our most precious resource - that is a no brainer. It should be a pristine as possible. This includes ensuring city drinking water treated with chemicals like chlorine and fluoride do not get into our streams and rivers, where they can adversely affect the ecosystems. What goes into our rivers and streams also goes into our oceans. I often swim through foamy brown sludge while swimming in our harbour. This is unacceptable. We have had more than a few people become sick and developed sever infections from swimming in our harbour/beach area in Nelson, particularly after big rains bring runoff from the rivers. Common NZ, let's get this right!