

# Your submission to Clean Water

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## Clause

What are your thoughts on the proposed swimming targets, for example, on the timeframes and categories?

## Notes

It is too little, too late, and far too complicated. Nutrients should be stopped reaching waterways right now. Sediment should be stopped as well.

## Clause

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

## Notes

Water must be paid for if used for irrigation, like it is for drinking water used. The main use of water must be for the environment [freshwater invertebrates, fish, birds, plants] and for drinking water for people. Commercial uses must not be legislated for in a national policy statement, they are a luxury, especially with climate change getting worse. Crops and ways of farming will have to change to more dryland methods.

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What are your thoughts on the proposed stock exclusion regulation, for example, the timeframes and stock types to be excluded?

## Notes

All stock should be excluded from stream and river banks and waterways. Riparian areas should be planted up and not grazed which at present leads to erosion of the banks and sediment deposition in waterways. Planting will allow water running off grazing land to be filtered before reaching the stream. In the high country if stocking rates are not artificially raised by growing crops with irrigation, this planting may not be so necessary, but it must be monitored closely