

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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All waterways including all tributaries to be become swimmable or to an independant scientifically accepted health standard, within a timeframe corresponding to that which the current NZ Govt deliberately allowed/encouraged them to worsen or become otherwise in the name of 'economic growth'

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

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A retrograde step indeed. All, not 10%, of waterways to swimmable standard or proven scientific health as above.

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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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Determination of stock type and numbers, excepting obvious geographic/breed type factors depends entirely on water quality (soil quality will increasingly be taken care of by organics). Apportionment of regulated stock loadings to specific areas in a catchment to be determined by factual contaminate sampling (including silt run-off) at points of discharge on individual properties. Timeframe as aforementioned.

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

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Water quality in NZ is just one of many long term degradation issues. The real issues of over-population and greed need to be urgently addressed and the cloth cut to suit. It is a national disgrace that this degradation has occurred in just the few years since Homo Sapiens arrival. And a further disgrace that plenty are prepared to push science as the ultimate saviour, rather than utilising science as a tool to help curb the avoidable human overuse and deliberate depletion of natural resources.