

# 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**

Being able to swim safely in our rivers and lakes is a Kiwi birthright and it is our duty to ensure this for future generations. In the Human Health for Recreation attribute table, the proposed amendments would weaken the standard for swimmability. E-coli attributes need to be strengthened not weakened and hydrocarbons and pesticide residues need to be included. There should be rigorous standards for our rivers and lakes that ensure they are swimmable, and ecologically healthy. This includes for smaller streams and rivers - currently proposed to be excluded. But our rivers also need to be ecologically healthy so that they can support the native species and ecosystems that need clean water in order to survive and thrive.

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

## **Notes**

The amendments are not going to achieve the standards that are necessary for swimmability and ecological health. In particular I oppose the economic well-being amendments proposed by the Government as they will not prioritise environmental protection and the health of our freshwater and will undermine the environmental protections currently provided for.

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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**

Sheep are not as damaging as cattle, either in effluent or trampling down banks (for sedimentation is a major issue in some waterways).

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

## **Notes**

Regional Councils should be required to implement improvements to ensure water quality and water quantity by a moratorium on further intensification and changes to Regional Plans within 3 years.