I propose that:

Nitrogen losses should be reduced by the majority of farms if not all farms. There is already significant indication that nitrogen has leeched into the ground water and the aquifers of Christchurch, and effected the drinking water of the greater area of Christchurch.

Many of these aquifers are not only ancient but unique in New Zealand, and have up until the earthquakes supplied the city and surrounding areas with good quality drinking water, a precious priceless commodity that should be protected, but is now under threat, a threat to our health.

The dangers of ingesting nitrogen is proven, especially to infants, surely this is good enough reason on its own.There is also sufficient study done, especially overseas in collaboration to ingesting nitrogen and bowel cancer.

All stock must be excluded from water bodies to ensure that our waterways can be given the opportunity to return to their former health, and that we as citizens of New Zealand may once again enjoy them for recreational purposes, and that they not be allowed to be misused any longer.

New limits on the volume of water available for allocation must be minimised, and not be readily available for commercial use, our water is precious, with the threat of Climate Change looming even more so, please act on this now to ensure future generations can enjoy these wonderful natural resources from our braided rivers. The results of over use of our water is evident in the lack of river flows, and the lack of plant and animal life in our rivers.

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