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Submission.

The publicised plan to allow an increase to nitrate pollution in our waterways from 0.6mg/l to 3.8mg/l with no real upper limit being planned for, is worrying.

I feel this matter of nitrate levels should be left as it is at least until after the upcoming local body elections, or even better delayed until the Government's planned water review has run its course. The principles of a working democracy have to be a part of these vitally important discussions. Otherwise, any plan formulated will be subject to scorn and will be eventually overturned.

It is common knowledge of the high levels of nitrates present in Southland's water supplies are a matter of concern in medical circles. Equally, it is known that a high level of colorectal cancer is sadly present in the population of Southland. The tie up between these two facts is too obvious to ignore. Ecan has a responsibility to protect the environment and the people within its jurisdiction. To allow an increase in nitrate levels will harm the environment and the people. Shame.

The refrain we have been hearing from farming groups is that severe hardship will befall that group if they are not able to increase the level of poison nitrates they can dump in our rivers and waterways. In matters like this the answer is clear. That is that their (farming sector) business plans are in need of drastic overhaul.

Canterbury has far too many waterways that the public cannot trust to be clean and healthy. Please don't add to the tally of unuseable rivers and aquifers.

I ask that Ecan abandon the planned hikes in allowable nitrate levels in our water.

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