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Bay of Plenty Region Local Authorities Joint Submission – Action for Healthy Waterways

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to and submit on Government’s Action for Healthy Waterways policy proposals, including:

* Action for Healthy Waterways – A discussion document on national direction for our essential freshwater
* Draft National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2019 (NPSFM)
* Proposed National Environmental Standards for Freshwater 2019 (NESF)
* Draft Stock Exclusion Section 360 Regulation

This is a joint submission from the following local authorities of the Bay of Plenty Region; Bay of Plenty Regional Council, Tauranga City Council, Western Bay of Plenty Council, Whakatāne District Council, Rotorua Lakes Council, Ōpōtiki District Council and Kawerau District Council.

The Bay of Plenty local authorities’ joint submission strongly supports Government’s objectives to stop degradation of freshwater resources and reverse past damage in order to return freshwater resources and ecosystems to a healthy state. The joint submission raises some concerns and seeks clarification about a range matters including; implementation practicalities, potential compromising of iwi and hapū involvement and community engagement, and recognition of local environmental differences and that there must be different priorities between regions.

For matters relating to this submission, please contact Julie Bevan, Manager Policy and Planning, by email julie.bevan@boprc.govt.nz or 0800 884 881 ext. 8139.

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\*\* Please note that Ōpōtiki District Council support only the contents of the letter having had insufficient time to review the table of detailed comments, or the regional sector submission and so are unable to offer support to these documents.