



Protecting drinking water

The Green Party will protect clean, safe drinking water and make sure commercial water users pay a fair price.

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New Zealanders can't take clean drinking water for granted anymore, but the Green Party will fix that. No one should have to worry that the water coming from their taps isn't safe to drink.

A fair charge on commercial water use

Water bottling companies profit from our purest and cleanest water, but pay only minimal administration fees for the privilege, while communities around the country have to boil water before they drink it.

The Green Party will put an immediate 10 cent/litre levy on water bottling and exports. Revenue will go to mana whenua and the wider community through local councils. Councils will use it to clean up waterways, and maintain and protect drinking water sources.

Through nationwide meetings and hui, we'll agree a new way of allocating and pricing all commercial water uses, based on shared values of protecting fresh water, honouring te Tirirti o Waitangi, and upholding mana whenua rights.

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New water bottling consents will be banned until regulation is in place to ensure priority is given to good supplies of clean drinking water for all New Zealanders. We will protect drinking water sources from the activities that pollute them.

We'll reinstate funding for programmes that help small communities and marae upgrade their drinking water systems, so everyone has access to clean, drinkable water.

For more information:

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