

Polluted Inheritance New Zealand's Freshwater Crisis

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Ecologist and research scientist Mike Joy assesses the state of New Zealand's freshwater ecosystems and the wider impact they have on our environment, society and economy. The degrading of New Zealand's rivers, streams and lakes is, Joy argues, nothing less than an environmental crisis. Analysing the impact of intensive farming, his critique focuses on the priority given to short-term economic growth over long-term environmental sustainability. This award-winning author issues a call to action, urging New Zealand to change course or risk the wellbeing of future generations.

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