

Conservation Amendment Bill 2026  
Individual Submissions

General Comments and Advice on Individual Submissions

1. Individual submissions must be prepared and worded in a manner that shows individual perspectives. This is achieved by each individual expressing themselves uniquely.
2. Different submissions can cover similar matters however they should not present as a 'photocopy' of other submissions. A 'photocopy' type submission signed by different submitters may be seen as being insincere and not particularly authentic. They are likely to be afforded little weight and note by the select committee.
3. Individual submissions should be short, sharp and to the point. This is an instance where 'less is more'.

The following are general items that an individual focusing on recreational jet boating may wish to comment on. These matters are not a 'deep dive' into the details of the Conservation Act and Amendment Bill and are aspects that may have some practical impact on recreational jet boating activities both within the Conservation Estate and potentially downstream of these areas.

*My Interest in this Bill*

1. *My interest in this Amendment Bill is in respect of recreational jet boating activities.*
2. *I undertake individual recreational jet boat activities as well as 'group events' organised and typically run by Jet Boating New Zealand.*

*Public Access To and Use of Waterways for Recreation Activities*

3. *Request the Amendment Bill and subsequent legislation is structured to at least maintain the present rights and opportunities for public access to waterways within the Conservation Estate and use and enjoyment of these waterways for recreational jet boating activities.*

*Water Flows*

4. *Request that water flows not be degraded due to focus on economic opportunities and commercial development.*
5. *Any consideration of economic opportunities and commercial development be assessed relative to natural water flows and impacts on both recreational jet boating and other recreational values.*

### Concessions

6. *Understand that there is presently no requirement to obtain a formal Concession for the use and enjoyment of the waterways for recreational jet boating when this activity occurs without specific gain or reward.*
7. *Request that any changes and amendments to the Conservation Act do not directly or inadvertently lead to a necessity for a Concession for recreational jet boating activities.*

### Marginal Strips

8. *Request that the principle of Marginal Strips be maintained to the extent that, if Conservation Estate lands are disposed of, jet boaters can continue to stop on the edge of the waterway without offending nearby landowners and diminishing their property rights.*

### Access To and From Waterways

9. *Request that existing physical and legal vehicle access to waterways is preserved, or if this cannot occur equivalent access is provided.*

### JBNZ Submission

10. *Aware that JBNZ is making a submission on behalf of member jet boaters. Providing support for that submission.*

Submissions can be made [here](#) or at :

[https://www3.parliament.nz/en/ECommitteeSubmission/54SCENV\\_SCF\\_BD7D0F89-D8CB-42F7-9C5F-08DEABEDA048/CreateSubmission](https://www3.parliament.nz/en/ECommitteeSubmission/54SCENV_SCF_BD7D0F89-D8CB-42F7-9C5F-08DEABEDA048/CreateSubmission)

The full Conservation Amendment Bill can be found [here](#) or at :

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2026/309/en/latest/#LMS1601229>