Muddy Waters

Yes – You and your children have been experiencing nightmares as the bathwater turns to mud, you can’t drink water from the tap and there are dead fish floating in your local rivers. The spin, at the tax payers’ expense, has not only been unkind but extreme. Aunty Jacinda is desperate to control NZ’s water. Be aware that there would be no turning back from a government ‘water grab’ and it impacts on our children and future generations. Our ‘water quarter’ [Stewart Island and the majority of the South Island], contain substantially greater water resources and cover a larger land mass than the ‘Northern quarters’. Our fears of being a water reservoir for the North, as well as being financially limited while the populated cities improve their water pipes, is real! In many districts there are excellent schemes, which currently provide successful ‘three water’ services for all. Surely, it is for our government to use integrity and provide scientific advice, technology and financial support for upgrades to our current water schemes, whilst giving the communities the freedom to independently maintain, own and run them. ‘With the people for the people’. If we do not consent to demands or incentives [alias bribes], there may be a government backlash. However, any dictatorship from a large detached Government Company in Wellington, which doesn’t have the complex local knowledge and is not presenting details of their intentions, could lead to a disaster. Please do not be complacent, as an issue this is important! Water is more than liquid gold, it is our survival and who better to be water guardians than the local people who drink it.