

What Pollutes The Waikato River?

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Rubbish! Obviously, is what some of you might say. But after reading this, you will be shocked to realize that rubbish is not the main polluter of the Waikato River. Here are the three main polluters of the Waikato River: Sediment, bacteria, and nutrients.

Firstly, Sediment! Sediment is dirt, sand, and more combined together into little, disgusting, flakes.

The sediment falls into the river and lays at the bottom, like a pile of rocks that were thrown into the river.

Sediment lowers the water clarity, making it brown, murky, and overall just disgusting. Sediment also smells horrible - like three month old socks!

Secondly, Bacteria! Bacteria comes from your guts. The kind I'm talking about is made of your poop, pee, and other revolting stuff. When the bacteria goes into the river, it pollutes the water, making it unsafe to swim in. The bacteria usually comes from animal or human waste that slithers down into the river. In the good, I mean bad old days, the bacteria was just freely let to go into the river with no hesitation. I mean, who would let that happen. Today, the sewage is treated first.

Thirdly, Nutrients! I know nutrients are a good thing, but you will be surprised to know that too much of it is extremely bad. Nitrogen fertilizer washes down from farms and creates too many nutrients in the river. All this nutrients creates large, toxic growths of algae.

In conclusion, Rubbish or trash is not the main polluter in the Waikato River. I hope you enjoyed this article about what pollutes the river. If you want to clean up the river, then plant more trees. We need a lot of them, because they filter out bad sewage and other stuff.