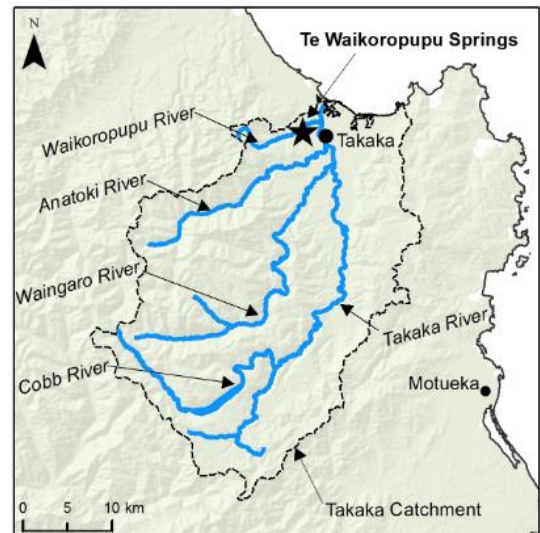


Public Notice of Application for a water conservation order on the Te Waikoropupū Springs and associated water bodies

Section 204 Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)

The Minister for the Environment has received an application for a water conservation order for the Te Waikoropupū Springs and associated water bodies from the Ngāti Tama Ki Te Waipounamu Trust and Andrew Yuill (the applicants).

The application concerns the following water bodies: the confined and unconfined Arthur Marble Aquifer; Te Waikoropupū Springs; the Takaka River and its tributaries, including the Waingaro, Anatoki and Waikoropupū Rivers; and hydraulically connected groundwater including the Takaka Limestone Aquifer and Takaka Unconfined Gravel Aquifer.



The outstanding values identified by the applicant are: a) significance in accordance with tikanga Māori; b) outstanding cultural and spiritual values; c) visual clarity values; d) scientific and ecological values; e) biodiversity values; f) habitat for aquatic organisms and stygofauna; g) habitat for indigenous fauna; h) habitat for indigenous flora; i) recreational values; and j) wild, scenic and natural characteristics.

The Applicants seek protection of these values through a number of conditions contained in a draft order appended to the application, which in summary include: acknowledgement of Ngāti Tama ki te Waipounamu as kaitiaki (guardian) of the aquifer; retention of the confined and unconfined Arthur Marble Aquifer in its natural state. For the confined and unconfined Arthur Marble Aquifer: prohibiting additional abstraction and discharge of contaminants where such may enter the waters, and specific restrictions on water quality limits. For Te Waikoropupū Springs: specific restrictions on maximum abstraction, maintaining spring form and water quality limits. For the Takaka River and its tributaries: specific restrictions on maximum abstraction, changes to river form and water quality limits. For the hydraulically connected groundwater including the Takaka Limestone Aquifer and Takaka unconfined Gravel Aquifer: specific restrictions on maximum abstraction and water quality limits, and providing for the integrated management of fresh water and the use and development of land in the catchment of Te Waikoropupū.

The Minister for the Environment has appointed a special tribunal to hear and report on the application. The special tribunal may consider matters wider than the matters raised in the application. The application and any relevant information held by the special tribunal may be inspected at: Takaka Memorial Library (Junction St); Collingwood Memorial Library (Tasman St); Motueka Public Library (Pah St); Richmond Library (Queen St); Elma Turner Library (Halifax St, Nelson); or the Environmental Protection Authority (Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington). Please contact the

EPA on 0800 401 673 or email Waikoropupu@epa.govt.nz if you have any questions about the application.

Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a written or electronic submission¹ to the special tribunal at the Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140 or making an electronic submission at www.epa.govt.nz/wcpsubmit. Copies of the submission form are available to download from the EPA website www.epa.govt.nz/waikoropupu or call 0800 401 673 to request a hard copy by post.

If you support the order but you prefer to preserve a different, but related, water body in the same catchment or if you prefer to preserve different features and qualities of the water body, your submission must state your preference and give reasons for your preferences. In giving reasons, you must refer, if practicable, to the matters set out in [sections 199](#), [200](#), and [207](#) of the RMA. You must also describe the provisions that you think should be included in the order and the effects that those provisions would have on the water body.

Submissions close **4pm on the 28 February 2018**.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicants. The address for service is: Rosie Hill, Anderson Lloyd, PO Box 201, Queenstown 9348 or email rosie.hill@al.nz as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the special tribunal.

Camilla Owen

On behalf of the Special Tribunal, 31 January 2018.



Camilla C.M. Owen.

¹ Submission forms must be in accordance with **Form 30** (Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003).