

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Submitter Type: Organisation

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Overall Notes:

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The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:

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The proposal addressing Te Waikoropupū Springs and specifically to the needs of primary and secondary industry, and of the community.

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What is/are your view/s on the application?

Position

Oppose (Please provide the reasons why with reference to section 199 and 207 of the RMA)

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Freshwater is an incredibly valuable resource. The eco-community within the Freshwater bodies are equally invaluable. We must live in balance with that. Industries are based on profit and the model of profit (to increase wealth over time) has to plateau in order to afford balance BUT this is not how things are setup in NZ. The scale of NZ agriculture is currently on its usual rise with climate change issues glaring at us... and our only resolution is to continue the usual increase in agriculture and tap into natural Freshwater resources should we get into drought? That sounds very easy and unfortunately - short sighted. I believe the model of agriculture needs to be changed as well.

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I/we seek the following recommendation from the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment

Position

Decline the order

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Would you like to present your views on this submission to the Special Tribunal at a public hearing?

Position

I/we do not want to present my/our views at a public hearing

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