

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 470

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Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Email

Overall Notes:

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

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I support the Forest & Bird submission to grant the application. In particular I support measures for the wider catchment which will protect: the water clarity and purity the scientific, ecological and biodiversity values habitat for indigenous flora and fauna cultural values wild, scenic and natural characteristics My submission relates to all of the application. I support the application. I seek that the Special Tribunal recommends granting the order to the Minister of the Environment. I do not want to present my views at the public hearing.

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

Position

Support

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For me, the springs have always been one of 'my' magical places in New Zealand. As a biologist I have some understanding of the complexity of the aquifer ecosystem and of the ecosystem services provided by a healthy system of microbes and other organisms. In this instance I understand that it is mainly one farm and one big company that would have the immediate benefit of the water rights. Whilst I understand economic needs, I would find it very sad if an industry that has to face substantial remodelling over the coming years due to its impact on the world climate is getting access to a short term investment that might have a longstanding detrimental effect on a very precious resource that belongs to many. I plead for wise decisions to be made to protect our springs and their feeding system, and I hope that the farm owners will find a better way to do business in a more environmentally sustainable way. Time to become organic and small scale???

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

Position

Grant 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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