

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 487

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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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Te Waikoropupu Springs embody the absolute essence of NZ's natural environment and therefore the embodiment of what it is to be a New Zealander with the facility to enjoy this heritage. These springs have been a source of physical and spiritual bounty in our country since human settlement. By possessing such pristine resources in NZ we now have riches beyond most of the rest of the world. It is more than ironic that the risk to their continued wellbeing is threatened by depleting their volume and their not completely understood ecosystems, only to be used for potentially unsustainable and therefore doomed industry and farming practices. To transfer pristine water from the springs to the land for dubious value added uses, in my opinion is both an insult and a travesty to our country. In doing so we lose one more pristine facet of our environment and further destruction of the very reason that we are able to support a tourist industry as a source of revenue. We have in our pristine environment what the rest of the world does not, but will always want, long after the thirsty agricultural industry has gone.

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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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