

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Overall Notes:

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

Position

Support

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I support the requested WCO because of the unique nature of Waikoropupu Springs, and the threat posed to it by current water management practices in the region. The Springs, as the applicant has clearly laid out, have unique physical, ecological, economic, cultural, and spiritual significance. Their extraordinary purity translates into an extraordinary vehicle for biological health for the aquifer; economic energy (as they draw in tourists and bring resources into the region); cultural meaning for Iwi and Pakeha, both local and throughout New Zealand; and spiritual, for Maori and others. A body of water with so many levels of significance needs to be considered for more than its value to local farmers, and from a perspective larger than that of local council, which may lack the larger perspective that this body can supply.

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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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