

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 1851

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Submitter Type: Iwi

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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I have made numerous visits to the Springs over many years, first as a resident of the lower South Island / Te Wahi Pounamu and now of Palmerston North / Papaioea. Residence in regions of the country where the pre-human environment has been very heavily modified towards agricultural and urban land use makes me acutely aware how little of that environment we have left. This observation applies to both water and forest. The surviving remnants are so isolated that continued encroachment threatens their total loss nationwide. Degradation of a particular spring or stretch of river bank is potentially one stage in a cascade of adverse events that will end in a nationwide compromise of water quality and the environment more generally. What is most dangerous and insidious in our communal attitudes is the assumption that specific individual impacts can be coped with by 1 the ecosystem as a whole. In this thinking a mine here, a bottling plant there will make no difference. We have to rid ourselves of this destructive delusion

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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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