

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 548

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Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Email

Overall Notes:

Clause

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 am a caver who has a keen interest in the marble landscape of the north west Nelson karst area. The hydrology of the catchment of the Waikoropupu springs system is unique in the world, and a taonga to be protected and treasured. The ecosystem which filters the water to such clarity is little known and needs to be protected I have also dived the springs in the past, an awe - inspiring experience which I can't repeat due to the risks of introducing Didymo, but will never be forgotten. The risks to the water is arguably far greater from over- abstraction and pollution, so why risk it? Once the water quality is compromised, we may never be able to get it back. From an economic point, the damage to the tourist industry in Golden Bay could be considerable too. Surely we should draw a line in the sand with respect to allowing intensification of agriculture in such unique and sensitive places, and say no!

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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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