

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Overall Notes:

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

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RMA Section 199 WCO Part 9 & Section 200 Part 2

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

Position

Support

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TE WAIKOKOPUPU SPRINGS SUBMISSION I am making this submission in support of the application by Ngati Tama Ki, Te Waipounamu Trust and Andrew Yuill for a Water Conservation Order to be placed on the Te Waikoropupu Springs and its associated water bodies. I recommend that the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment create the WCO as requested in the application. I ask that Ngati Tama's voice as Kaitiaki of Te Waikoropupu Springs be valued and respected. The Takaka marbles date between 450 an 443 million years old and are some of the oldest rocks in Aotearoa. This area was part of Gondwanaland the waters of Te Waikoropupu Springs and the Marbel Arthur Aquifer are possibly fossil water. Ref: 'In Search of Ancient New Zealand' - Hamish Campbell & Gerard Hutching. I visited Te Waikoropupu Springs about 10 years ago it is a special place, with outstanding water quality and clarity. The ancientness and purity of this water and its aquafer need the highest form of protection from the threat of intensive dairying, industrial farming and irrigation, increased nitrate pollution through leaching are a threat to the whole aquafer. Some places are 'sacred' and need to be off limits for exploitation. The Waikoropupu Springs is one of these places. I refer to the following sections of the Resource Managment Act Section 199 Water Conservation Orders. Part 9 - 1a: Outstanding intrinsic values which are afforded by the water in its natural state. 2a: Preservation of its natural state considered to be outstanding. 2b1: As a habitate for aquatic organisms. Historical, spirtual and cultural importance. Protection of characteristics which are considered to be of outstanding significance in accordance with the Treaty of Waitangi. Section 200 Part 2 : Purpose and Principals. b: Safeguarding the life saving capacity and avoiding any adverse effects of activites on the environment 6: Preservation of natural character Protection of outstanding features Protection of area of significant habitat Relationship of Maori & their culture & tradition as a Taonga. 8. Treaty of Waitangi.

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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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