

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 151

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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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Please protect Pupū Springs and support a water conservation order. My partner and I cave and recreate often in the Golden Bay area. We always treat the area's rivers, land and caves with the utmost respect because we understand that the water in Pupū Springs spends many years on an underground journey through hundreds of kilometres of marble and limestone karst passageways and any contamination will be extremely long-lasting and likely permanent. I recently edited a book, written by my partner, Neil Silverwood and our friend Marcus Thomas, called Caves: Exploring New Zealand's Subterranean Wilderness. Te Waikoropupū Springs featured in our book. Here is a link to a paper about a spring called Wakulla Springs in Florida, where I grew up: <http://wakullasprings.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/WakullaPeerReportFinal.pdf> . It is similar to Te Waikoropupū Springs in that it is famous for its extremely clear water but is now threatened by land use activities in its catchment that cause nutrient loading and the proliferation of exotic algae which causes dark water. It was featured in the National Geographic News in 2007 for the longest cave dive in the world. One day, Pupū Springs could exceed this record. National Geographic article link: <https://news.nationalgeographic.com/news/2007/12/071217-florida-cave.html> .

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

Position

Support

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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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Apologies, but due to work commitments, I would be unable to attend a hearing on a week day.