

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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Drastic action needs to be taken in conserving the area of outstanding natural beauty of Te Waikoropupū Springs, that is in my council district. This is a phenomenal world class natural occurrence that needs cherishing and protecting otherwise it will become a thing of legend. The aquifer is a taonga and we need to treat it as such, this underground water and caving system is home to inhabitants that are crucial to the integrity of Te Waikoropupū Springs. Disappointingly across the country we are seeing our Roto polluted though intensive profit driven farming practices. The whenua should be respected and nurtured in the same way we do our own skin, both are porous and easy to irreparably damaged. Intensive farming practices requiring irrigation and high levels of fertiliser are ruining the vulnerable eco systems in this area and I believe is the skin cancer of Te Waikoropupū Springs. We need to apply the simple risk management framework of Plan, Do, Check and Act to conserve Te Waikoropupū Springs. I believe the WCO is the embodiment of this and vital to saving this taonga not only for tangata whenua but manuhiri alike. By appointing kaitiakitanga for Te Waikoropupū Springs this precious environment will be cared for and guarded, not exploited for the dollar.

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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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The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.