

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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Having lived and worked in Asia and Europe over a contiguous 9.5 years I was always stunned at the contrast in how they treated their environment. Europe had polluted theirs and were on the slow and difficult path of trying to restore the healthiness of their environment, lamenting the loss and belatedly realising it would never be what it was. Asia was poring ahead in the destructive development of theirs, learning nothing from the experience of destructive development in Europe and America making the same mistakes. On returning to NZ we took our family on a tour of our beautiful country. Seeing the changes which had arisen from our time overseas we realised that the only reason we still had a green country was due to there only being a few million of us - we are just that same as Asia ignoring the obvious. This was brought home to us at the beginning of our trip when we were at 'Pupu' springs - a man was taking tourists on a scuba dive into the springs. This was so disrespectful of the purity and beauty of the springs (I have scuba dived and know how unclean it is) and oblivious to the harm it was doing we were disgusted at the treatment of such a fragile and beautiful place. That it was not forbidden seemed unbelievable. Upon enquiring about the spring we were dismayed that the locals were so blasé and the Maori guardians had no rights so all they could do was talk about it. Te Waikoropupu Springs MUST be protected. We will never get them back. If we despoil them for foreigners (tourists or the Dehydrated Milk Powder consumers) then we are stupid beyond belief. We must take action now. It is a world treasure for all and we are its guardians, so guard it!

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I/we seek the following recommendation from the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment

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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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