

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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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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Protection of, and care for, Te Waikoropupu Springs

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

Position

Support

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The springs are an outstanding national and international taonga for the particular relationship of the geology and geomorphology to the aquifer ecology resulting in magnificently clear water. Water of such clarity is rare; the product of a complete catchment with especially evolved stygofauna. The current rush to intensify farming by use of large scale irrigation is reprehensibly short sighted and deeply concerning because of the mounting evidence of long term contamination to acqifers. I am alarmed that intensification has been proposed for the catchment which has a ten year period of throughput and already shows raised nitrate levels. Better methods of sustainable high earning farming production are available and the Takaka area could become a model of well protected natural resources providing long term health for all the community and an exceptional quality visitor destination.

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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

Notes

I live in Auckland (but grew up in Nelson/Golden Bay). Travel to the hearing may be difficult.