

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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National Water Conservation Orders have recognised the natural features, habitats and water of a number of rivers in New Zealand. These NCOs have afforded essential acknowledgement of the value these water ways have for the country and communities. Why the Te Waikoropupū Springs have been overlooked for this type of protection is hard to understand. The Ashburton District is bounded by the Rakaia and Rangitāta NCO Rivers. These Orders came about because of the negative impact of the rural and abstractive activity on the mauri or essential qualities of each river. The quality and other values in these rivers continue to be of concern and under pressure. It is vital that full protection of the springs is expedited before any further effects of land use and other human activity affect the pristine beauty of the Te Waikoropupū Springs. These Springs are symbolic for pure fresh water for a great proportion of New Zealanders and everyone who has visited the site.

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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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