

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 602

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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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How far removed from Nature are we when our society deems any pollution of our precious waters acceptable? When we willingly defile the water and the land that birthed us, we have vital questions to ask:- What is it that makes the pollutants more valuable than the purity, safety and perpetuity of our environment? I could suggest elements of apathy and convenience, political expedience and even greed for short-term gain. But water pollution is largely avoidable: The run-off from intensive farming practices that are not environmentally enhancing is unsustainable; The reluctance toward riparian planting which quantifiably improves water quality is unreasonable and unacceptable; the use of insecticides and herbicides close to waterways is just plain silly and dangerous; Siltation from land-clearing is predictable and avoidable; Industrial "process-water" should never be released into streams; Sewage leaking into storm-water systems is largely predictable and avoidable. There is no room for complacency - water is the womb of life on the planet. All water must be pure to support and encourage life, as indeed our 1 'medicated' drinking water should be! Political expedience is the big one - Our decision-makers are too easily moved to favour industrialists and the commercial force of the farming lobby! There is much land that cannot sustain dairy farming. We are the curators of this planet and need to be discriminate and responsible in our planning. There is simply no excuse for wanton destruction of the natural purity of nature.

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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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