

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 1351

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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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This is one of nature's true wonders, it's clean and relatively unspoilt state should be preserved for future generations, as a remaining witness and evidence of what once existed on Earth in more places, before mankind launched the Earth and all of its truly countless inhabitants into the Anthropocene. I oppose all human intervention in the wider ecology surrounding this site. Visiting this special place is an unforgettable experience, the water has a beauty unparalleled in my experience. The final part of my submission a regrettable text I wish would not be necessary to bring to the table, but here we go. For those who calculate value primarily in financial terms, remember the importance of tourism to the local and national economy, and the fact that this site and its superb clarity of the water is known world wide and on many travellers minds when they consider visiting Aotearoa New Zealand. On the other hand, also note the negative press it will generate world wide if this pristine environment is lost, and the world will come to know that New Zealand is not standing tall in its stewardship of the natural worlds it has been so generously gifted with. I believe that it can be done: we humans can do the right thing in times of need. Thank you.

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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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