

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 2111

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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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When I first came to NZ (from Scotland) nearly 20 years ago, I visited the springs as they were so highly recommended in the Lonely Planet Guide Book. I was blown away by them and it was one of the many amazing natural environmental assets that made me want to come and settle here which I did over 16 years ago. I want to be proud of the incredible natural heritage here yet it seems like recently we keep wanting to sell it or degrade it, especially if it's a water resource, and all the time we have to fight to preserve what should be a no-brainer to keep pristine. Not only should we be guarding this treasure from an ecological aspect but also as we keep getting told, if tourism is what earns us the golden dollar, surely we should be keeping them pristine as an attraction to hold people in the Tasman District longer. How embarrassing would it be if the Lonely Planet's guide were to write - "these springs used to be the biggest and cleanest in the Southern Hemisphere but due to poorly managed farming upstream they are now just the biggest polluted freshwater springs in the Southern Hemisphere." Councils are supposed to protect incredibly special resources like this, aren't they?

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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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