

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 695

M Crawford (Matthew Crawford)

Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Web Form

Overall Notes:

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The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:

Notes

Mining

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

Position

Neutral

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