

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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These springs are iconic in New Zealand and internationally. Such clarity and purity of water is now very rare in lowland regions close to agricultural activities and human habitations. It is critical that the groundwater supply to these springs is not compromised either in quality, e.g. leaching of nutrients into the aquifer, or quantity, e.g. extraction of groundwater for irrigation and other purposes from the catchment. Unusual springs such as these support unusual biodiversity. This is part of the web of life that provides humans with the opportunity to flourish, including the aesthetic and cultural aspects that are so vital for our health. A degraded Te Waikoropupū Springs would be another break in the threads of that web. There have been far too many breaks already. I clearly remember the Springs from a single visit over two years ago.

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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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