

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 1479

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Submitter Type: Organisation

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Overall Notes:

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

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We support the protection of all the water bodies in the Conservation Order Application and agree with all the outstanding values, especially protecting the fauna and flora of the aquifer at all costs, to thereby ensure the exceptional purity of the Te Waikoropupu Springs, they are unique, fragile and far too important to risk losing by allowing any increase in water allocations or associated run off into the waters.

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

Position

Support

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We are a small scale visitor facility, part of what is now the highest revenue providing business in NZ. Our guests , as do most visitors to NZ come to see the natural beauty and splendour of our country.The springs are on their "to do" list and they marvel at the volume and clarity of this amazing natural resource.The exact science of the purifying organisms and stygofauna is not known, what is known is that they need a good oxygen supply and high volume of water to survive and do their incredible job.To jeopardise what is already a fragile balance ,according to the scientists, when there are alternative, equally or more productive, less damaging farming methods available which reduce numbers, irrigation, fertiliser use and runoffs,is in our view, irresponsible, short term and should not be contemplated. Te Te Waikoropupu Springs and its aquifer is a unique and spectacular phenomena and it should be protected and preserved .

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I/we seek the following recommendation from the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment

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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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