

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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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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Section C- Provisions to be included in this Water Conservation Order

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

Position

Support

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I am a fifth-generation Pakeha, who was born and raised in Golden Bay. My ancestors, John and Mary Riley, are buried in the Collingwood cemetery. They were the first Pakeha settlers to arrive in Golden Bay and begin farming. I see myself as belonging to the Pakeha Tangata Whenua of Golden Bay. I absolutely support this WCO and I support the mana of the Ngāti Tama. Some of my earliest memories involve visiting "Pupu springs". From these early memories in the 1990's I can recall seeing dairy cows grazing within metres of the spring edge. On many visits over the years, I have seen these cows still there, despite re-vegetation projects on the western edge of the main spring hiding their presence. As I write now, I can measure the distance between spring and cow paddock using the scale on Google Maps - it is 10 metres. This pathetic strip of vegetation represents the level of protection offered to the wai all over the Takaka catchment. This WCO will ensure protection and stop further damage and deterioration. I agree with all the values and positive outcomes listed in the WCO and seek its immediate implementation.

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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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Many of my cousins and relatives, also Riley, have been involved in the dairy industry for generations, mostly in the Aorere catchment. They will also see themselves as "Pakeha tangata whenua", with a right to farm and make profit from the natural environment of Golden Bay. This may be so, but it is time to realise the environmental cost of doing business, given the values of the waters listed in the WCO application. To this end I seek recommendations from the tribunal specifically regarding section C1. Section C1 82 e) Recommend that a program of extensive and regular monitoring of water quality be implemented throughout the catchment, to establish what exactly is a "natural state", and to fund scientific research in the catchment. Section C1 82 f), g) Recommend that : - farmers be taxed and levied based on measured pollution levels - strict controls on dairy runoff and consequences for breaches in the catchment Section C1 82 j) Recommend a precautionary approach even at the cost of economic growth and employment opportunities. Recommend immediate halt to all new water abstraction, and a review of existing take. Recommend a surcharge on water abstracted for irrigation, to fund protective measures in the catchment. Section C1 82 k) Recommend : - stricter controls for forestry operations - stricter controls on bush clearing and road building on hillsides - ban on all mining and quarrying activities in the catchment Section C1 82 l) Recommend that best practice guidelines be policed and enforced and fines levied. Voluntary and self-regulating guidelines will not work in the face of economic gain. Recommend an education program for farmers and water users Recommend a comprehensive review of farming practice Section C1 82 m) - ALL waterways, depressions, gullies and pasture ditches be planted with native vegetation at farmer cost - the paddock(s) immediately adjacent to the main spring are retired and a much wider buffer zone established

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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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