

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Overall Notes:

Clause

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

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I would like to see a Water Conservation Order to protect Te Waikoropupū Springs and associated water bodies for the confined and unconfined Arthur Marble Aquifer; Te Waikoropupū Springs; the Takaka River and its tributaries, including the Waingaro, Anatoki and Waikoropupū Rivers; and hydraulically connected groundwater including the Takaka Limestone Aquifer and Takaka Unconfined Gravel Aquifer.

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

Position

Support

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Having a Water Conservation order over the springs and aquifers is of the utmost importance. I am Pakeha with Irish and Scottish ancestry and both sides of my family have been in New Zealand from the time of the first four ships. Even though we're from the Canterbury and Otago regions, my fore-bearers travelled to Te Waikoropupu Springs and I recall their stories about the springs, which inspired my own travels there in my early 20's. We've always viewed this as a special area, and I want the opportunity to pass the stories on that were told to me; which only works if they're still there. My family lost a lot in the Canterbury earthquakes, not only people, but the houses we lived in, the Churches my Grandparents, Great Grandparents (and Parents) were married in are no longer there, we lost photos, china and almost every tangible item that provides a link to our history. Because so many of us have travelled to the springs over the last 100 years, it now remains a link to our history, something I can look at that my ancestors saw, and I would like those who come after me to see it too. We're not Europe we don't have buildings from centuries passed that we look after for the future generations, yet we do have landscapes and these beautiful springs, if we work to keep them, they will be a treasure for all and for always. If the water is allocated for other purposes, it will quickly vanish and I've learnt through the CHCH earthquakes once something goes there isn't an undo button, once it's gone we as a country won't be able to afford to replace, fix or restore it. So let's keep it every inch of it!

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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 want to present my/our views at a public hearing

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If others make a similar submission, would you want to consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing?

Position

No

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