

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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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All outstanding values a. to j. noted above, must be considered and are worthy individually and collectively to justify the granting of the Water Conservation Order.

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

Position

Support

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I overwhelmingly support the application for the Water Conservation Order. In particular, I am concerned about water allocation and management for Te Waikoropupu Springs and associated water bodies. Stygofauna, the organisms which live in the underground caverns in the karst landscape of Te Waikoropupu catchment and are thought to be responsible for water clarity, require water with an adequate supply of dissolved oxygen, free of toxicants such as heavy metals and dissolved nitrates and phosphates. We do not yet have adequate scientific knowledge as to the tolerated levels of nitrates and phosphates for Stygofauna. Increasing water allocation from the catchment will effect concentrations of these substances and the activity of the Stygofauna. This magnificent body of water must be protected for posterity. It would be foolhardy not to grant the Order.

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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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I plead the tribunal to grant the Water Conservation Order to protect the springs and its feeding aquifers.

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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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