

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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The issue of protection of water in New Zealand is an urgent and overdue one. From the top of the North Island with Lake Omapere all the way to Lake Pukaki and all the other lakes and rivers in between and beyond. The national and local governments have not been smart on water issues. We have had the likes of people such as Nick Smith who have allowed industry and poor farming practices to have more relevance than sustaining our waterways. We need governance who see how important it is for New Zealand to preserve those rivers, lakes and waterways that are not contaminated and to correct at any cost those that are. Water is singularly the most important issue to all life. Without water we cannot sustain any quality of life. These springs must be saved and not allowed to be contaminated with outside effluent etc. It makes no sense to have monitors on the springs that show contamination but still the council prefer to allow their degeneration. It is time councils took responsibility for natural resources in spite of the revenue that they can gain in the short term from farming or other polluting practices. I propose a conservation order be placed on the springs for all time.

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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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