

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 1997

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Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Email

Overall Notes:

Clause

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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In addition to the beauty of the springs which we visit every time we pass through the area it is amazing to see the clarity of the water and to believe that this water is completely unchanging in its temperature and clarity. Once when we visited there were scientific divers in the springs, it was amazing to see them swimming and collecting data in such an amazing environment. It is phenomenal to imagine that the water entering the spring system is of a different quality to that exiting the spring and that this clarity is due to organisms living underground in the spring. Beyond that we don't know which animals/organisms there are there and they could be lost without us ever discovering what they are and how they purify water to this extraordinary extent. It is beyond belief that the water flowing into these springs is not protected from pollution or examined regularly to ensure it is never degraded.

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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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