

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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All parts

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

Position

Support but prefer to preserve different features and qualities of the water bodies

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My submission is attached

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If you support the Order with a preference to preserve different water bodies/features/qualities, please describe the provisions that you think should be included in the Order and the effects that those provisions would have on the water bodies. Make reference to sections 199, 200 and 207 of the Resource Management Act if practicable.

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My submission is attached

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I/we seek the following recommendation from the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment

Position

Grant the order with changes

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My submission is attached

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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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The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.

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Water Conservation Order

K.M. Reilly
Trustee
AP & KM Reilly Family Trust

I support the application for a Water Conservation Order for the Te Waikoropupu Springs in principle, but with the following amendment: That the WCO apply only to the Te Waikoropupu Springs.

I am Kathy Reilly, a Farmer of the Takaka Valley. My Family Trust has an annual budget for donations to this community, including the schools, Community Workers, fundraising efforts for community assets, and the support of local clubs and societies.

I would like to see the natural treasure that we know as the Pupu Springs protected, but believe that applying the Conservation Order to the Marble Mountain Aquifer and Water Bodies of the Takaka Valley is a proposal to shut down the agricultural, pastoral and horticultural activity of the Takaka Valley.

These activities constitute the economic life that sustains the fabric and culture of our community. Without the ability to farm profitably and sustainably, my ability to make financial contribution to the community will be limited.

I respect the debate that this Water Conservation Order has raised, but I request that the applicants demonstrate a far more detailed knowledge of, and respect for, the systems that make our local economy viable. The applicants have not demonstrated that they have consulted with primary and secondary industries of this Valley, in the preparation of a workable proposal.

Changes to the Draft Water Conservation Order requested are

- That Yuill & Ngati Tama wait until the community group FLAG present their recommendations. I understand from the information the FLAG group have made public to date, that they have spent the last four years studying the catchment closely, and bringing together wide ranging opinions into a community driven approach to catchment management, with a strong emphasis on protection of Te Waikoropupu Springs.
- That a study be undertaken of the implications on the economic impact on the Golden Bay Community that this Draft Water Conservation Order would have, should it be adopted as it reads.
- That the Water Conservation Order apply only to the Pupu Springs, and not to the Water Bodies of the Takaka Valley and the Marble Mountain Aquifer, recognising the matters to be considered in Section 207 of the Resource Management Act: the needs of primary and secondary industry, and of the community.

