

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Submitter Type: Individual

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Overall Notes:

Clause

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

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We have one only chance to get this right. Once the water has been compromised to any degree at all it no longer retains its unique quality and purity. The idea that a small number of water users and waste disposal polluters could even consider putting Te Waikoropupū Springs at risk is self-centred, almost beyond imagining.

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

Position

Support

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We must get past thinking that all of nature out there is first and foremost a resource for commercial exploitation by a few. Any resource application should be required to justify a proposed exploitation. It should not have to be initiated in response, and having to argue for protection. Having already taken almost all potential environments (e.g. an estimated 90% of NZ wetlands has been lost to human use), in recent years an enormous extent of underground water has been adversely impacted, The present issue concerns underground water. It should not now be up to citizens to have to argue against the proposed development impact.

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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 had to think hard about this and the above, and hope I have got it right. The problem is that the issue is initiated by the proposal to exploit the water, but the present 'application' opposes this. I think this document could be more user-friendly for those of us unused to coping with the process. I just hope that no who supports protection, doesn't mark 'oppose' and 'decline the order', thinking that it is the exploitation that is the subject. Also, I would like to see the gist of what is actually proposed by the applicants.

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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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