

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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

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The need to save the pools.

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

Position

Support

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The Pupu Springs are environmentally unique and have a unique ecology. On these points alone they should be preserved and protected from any possible harm. Human beings are not the only life forms on the planet. Already we have destroyed too many natural treasures and the cost of this vandalism is becoming more and more apparent and is beginning to rebound on us by affecting our mental, physical and cultural health. We cannot justify destroying these springs and depriving future generations of their unique qualities. Maori have defined these springs as a Taonga. English does not have a word to convey the full meaning of this word. "Treasure" is as close as we get in English. This word has implications of money and profit. It does not convey the spiritual and cultural meanings and feelings of awe inherent the word taonga. We must preserve and protect these springs for all of New Zealand . It is not the right of a few profit seekers to destroy them. So, I wish every effort be made to save them and to implement these protective measures.

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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?

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I am physically unable to present my views. I would if I could , which is not the same as not wanting to.

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