

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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We visit the Springs and its surrounds whenever we are in the area and are always amidst many others. It is so rare to find something PURE, scientifically so and environmentally so. Something that is subtly available to all without the tourist 'trade' and its often inherent clutter. Culturally, environmentally and as a habit the springs pure existence has been protected, despite the prior risks from mining, forestry and agriculture. But now and despite our knowledge of environmental damage and overall water degradation and pollution, the springs WILL be irrevocably damaged and altered. WHY would anyone do this? WHY would a council allow this? It's horribly ironic (mortally arrogant and stupid and irresponsible) that something renowned for its purity will be risked and knowingly made impure. I cannot imagine visiting the springs again nor being amidst others (unless they are ignorant), KNOWING impurity had been knowingly created, introduced and maintained. The Springs will not be anymore. Not in their original remarkable state. The time taken for the water to be processed via the landscape, the 10 years, to allow for purity, and we just destroy this with our usual focus being driven by a development and environmental use-age (use up) mentality. I hope this disaster be reconsidered and averted.

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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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