

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 596

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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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I support the position of the joint applicants Andrew Yuill and Ngati Tama Ki Te Waipounamu Trust. I acknowledge that this is a complex and divisive issue. I also acknowledge that all aquifer and surrounding rivers and springs are a deep and unknown system yet to be fully understood. In line with viewing what is left of our ecosystems as our sustainer rather than a endless resource to be plundered (Maori vs. Pakeha way) there is great wisdom in stopping any intensification of extraction here and now. There appear to be very few truly healthy rivers and aquifers left in New Zealand. You have a choice to make, and I am pleading with you to think of the long term, the future of our children and grandchildren, and the treasure this system will become as more and more of our other great rivers are polluted with nitrates and chemical run off. The water and wild land belongs to everyone, not just the odd person who wishes to create an income for themselves out of a 1public resource. This is a strange concept and completely unsustainable. I feel like I am surrounded by the quiet dying of what was, and we don't even know what we've lost and are losing. It's my generation continuing this despite what we do know, and I am ashamed.

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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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