

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 2063

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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 are a country that prides ourselves on the spectacular nature of our natural environment. Yet - we are failing our own legacy and reputation, as increasingly public resources are taken by private interests and entities which exploit and degrade our environment for their short term gain. Plausibly, the intrinsic values (cultural, spiritual, ecological, social, recreational, economic) of the water in these remarkable springs is far higher than what it can provide used irrigating or used for extracting gold. There can no doubt that a 70% increase in abstraction will have greater than minor effects, and for a duration nearly impossible to quantify. If a precedent were to be set to allow this application with the associated effects on this pristine ecosystem, then I fear there is little hope for all other unique and life-giving ecosystems in New Zealand, soon or already under threat of exploitation for private gain, driven by demand for intensive irrigation activities.

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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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