

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Overall Notes:

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

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Te Wakoropupu Springs and the Arthur Marble Aquifer Water Conservation Order

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

Position

Oppose (Please provide the reasons why with reference to section 199 and 207 of the RMA)

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I welcome to be able to submit on the proposed Water Conservation Order for the Waikoropupu Springs. I take pride in my families sustainable farming practices ie bridges and miles and miles of fencing along waterways in the Collingwood Bainham area. While here in Takaka I own a small 14.69ha block of land that I lease for dry stock grazing. Our community relies on adequate water. Agriculture and farming makes a large contribution to the economy of the Tasman region. The WCO as sought will impose both unnecessary and unreasonable constraints to realising the areas social, economic and enviromental objectives. I object to the listed contaminants printed by the apellants not being explained in easily understood language eg give where they come from as well as the chemical discription. If the appellants list doesn't include contaminants from human waste and salmon farming I hope those would be included.The latter could threaten the health of the ocean life. I have full confidence in the ability of the RMA, Flag and TDC's 10 year plans to protect the Springs. I'm exceedingly concerned at the thought of an autocratic WCO pushing democracy out. Suddenly I discover with the proposed WCO- all the community chosen Flag group and the years of working together could be for nought.I have spent most of my 82 years in the Bay except for training. I attended the Flag meeting because of what I considered emotive letters in the GB Weekly. The meeting was I thought amazingly fairly run despite an emotional group holding a large banner. I'm quite a shy person but I like fair play and at the end of the meetin I went and thanked 2 people neither whom I know, waiting in turn through the crowd to do so. One was a member of the Flag group the other chaired the meeting. The Springs over my lifetime I respect and take visitors to see. The last time was autumn last year, a wild apple tree was growing on the roadside and ripe wild apples were falling on the ground. I was astounded by the number of cars at the carpark, people and the odd dog. I appreciated the boardwalk and wondered along the way at the vulnerability for the Springs to "rock snot" and giardia with so many overseas visitors and how the Springs toilet waste is delt with and also the odd faeces dropped behind a bush. I'm a great believer of doing unto others as you would have wished to have done to ones self. I'm hoping the appellants lead exemplary enviromentally friendly lives dealing with their basic pollution ie urine and faeces in an enviromentally correct way. Another query are they permanent ratepaying GB residents?

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I/we seek the following recommendation from the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment

Position

Decline 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 want to present my/our views at a public hearing

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