

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 404

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Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Email

Overall Notes:

Clause

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

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My submission: 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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For several years our family camped on a farmer's property near Takaka. We were able to take clear, safe water for drinking for our camp. The only stream near our campsite ran through dairying farmland and was not safe to drink. As we collected our drinking water we learned about the history and journey of our water. More recently I learned of the complex natural filtration through bush etc in the catchment area contributing to the Springs and their purity. However, it was apparent that scientists do not yet know how this process is working. It is critical that it is not destroyed before we learn what is actually happening. Once damaged it can't be re-instated.

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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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