

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 649

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Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Web Form

Overall Notes:

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

Notes

Conservation order on the Pupu Springs

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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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My family has been farming in the Takaka valley since 1933 (85 yrs). We believe the Pupu Springs are a magnificent asset for the bay and this WCO is unnecessary. With all the scientific evidence that has been done people are still worried that the springs are going to be ruined. As a farmer we have strict guidelines to go by and these are followed through. Only 5% of the entire catchment is in land use (2.4% in Dairy). The water quality is exceptional even with the overlaying land being used in its current form. As most of the catchment is either steep or in form of national park, further intensification of land use is unlikely. The risk of water degradation is therefore low.

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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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We feel that all the facts are not known and a certain persons' view, without evidence, is dominating the whole scenario. Peoples livelihoods/lifestyles will be affected and this will be damaging for the whole of the bay. Thank you.

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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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We fully support the technical evidence of TDC's Technical submission, FLAG report and Fonterra's Submission.