

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Email

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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 feel that Te Waikoropupu Springs are a visible indicator of the health of the whole of the Takaka Valley water ecosystem. Because of the time scale and potential for activity in a distant place impacting the water supply to the springs I feel a wide ranging, evidence based approach needs to be taken to understand and manage this system. The springs themselves are a special area and as a Pakeha with four generation association with Golden Bay I regard them as a taonga. A cautious, protective approach needs to be taken as any damage to the system may take decades to reverse. I would submit that the value of Te Waikoropupu to Golden Bay is such that urgent action needs to be taken to minimize impact of other land use on the water qualities of this system. In particular I feel no new irrigation consents should be granted unless there is clear proof there will be no negative impacts on the health of the aquifers.

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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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The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.