

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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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maintaining the purity of the water and the "wholeness" of the aquifer and its organisms.

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

Position

Support

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I am from Austin, Texas, where the Edwards Aquifer used to provide clean water for the city. That was before expansion and disregard for the organisms in the aquifer and its springs (among them, Barton Springs) just about sucked the aquifer dry. Now Austin has to buy its water from San Antonio and beyond. Occasionally it has to ask another state for water. An organization called SOS (Save Our Springs) has been working for decades to protect the aquifer and the springs. When I saw Pupu Springs for the first time, I was in awe. Surely this must have been what the various springs around Austin, Texas, once looked like. I pray that TDC will not make the same mistakes that Austin's City Council have made over the years and continue to make. The damage is irreversible, and now the city is paying for what they okayed in the past.

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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 want to present my/our views at a public hearing

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This is only a maybe for me. Wish you had that as a 3rd option.

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If others make a similar submission, would you want to consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing?

Position

Yes

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Maybe

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