

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:

Notes

Abstraction of water from the aquifers that feed Waikoropupū 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)

Notes

The Waikoropupū springs are a regional asset and an ecosystem of outstanding natural value. The populations of stygopfauna, bacteria, periphyton and aquatic macrophytes present in the springs system are stunningly unique and create a water system of superb natural quality and beauty. It holds huge cultural and spiritual value for local iwi and many of the travellers who make their way to your region. Allowing abstraction to occur will result in the deposition of farm wastes including nitrate, phosphate and e-Coli which over the next decade will accumulate and change the composition and quality of the springs community. The values of scientific distinctiveness, cultural importance, recreational importance and visual clarity are sufficient reasons under section 199.

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

Position

Decline the order

Notes

Allow farmers to construct holding dams which redirect storm flows so that water is available without interacting with aquifers.

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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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