

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:

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All of the application

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

Position

Support

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We strongly support this application and believe recognition of the high values of Te Waikoropupu is long over-due. Owing to the limited knowledge of the aquifer drivers and processes required to produce Te Waikoropupu, we advocate the precautionary principle in setting any environmental limits impacting the clarity of the springs. Additionally, the buffer zone around the springs should be increased when the opportunity arises (i.e land purchase) . We recommend this water conservation order require the regional authority (TDC) to contain mandatory claw-back clauses in any consents that may adversely impact the clarity of Te Waikoropupu. We acknowledge that the current flow volumes from Te Waikoropupu may be artificially enhanced because of the effects of the Cobb dam and see a moderate reduction in flows (to pre-dam levels if known) as acceptable. This would not diminish their significance in our eyes.

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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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