

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 243

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Submitter Type: Individual

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Overall Notes:

Clause

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

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The outstanding values identified in the application are: a) significance in accordance with tikanga Māori; b) outstanding cultural and spiritual values; c) visual clarity values; d) scientific and ecological values; e) biodiversity values; f) habitat for aquatic organisms and stygofauna; g) habitat for indigenous fauna; h) habitat for indigenous flora; i) recreational values; and j) wild, scenic and natural characteristics.

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

Position

Support

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Pupu Springs has special significance on all sorts of levels and the NZers of today have the responsibility to pass it on in pristine condition to the future. Growing up in Nelson, my first visit to the Springs was around 40 years ago and then through the years until my last visit last year. The thought that this area could be violated by human interference is a troubling one. The area has a natural spiritual quality, partly due to the purity of the water, and partly because of its sacredness to Maori. To destroy or destruct this natural habitat which serves flora, fauna and human populations is a sort of madness. Protecting it is an opportunity to enhance a sort of resonance that the world and NZ needs more of, in the way of affirming the positive and good things about life.

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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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Ensure that the protection of these places is formalised.

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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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Only if the opportunity to do so is in Wellington

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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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Yes that would be fine.