

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Overall Notes:

Clause

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

Notes

We totally support the application for a water conservation order for Te Waikoropupu Springs and associated water bodies. We see the Springs as a place of cultural significance to Maori society and through this to all indigenous people of the world. The Springs are a taonga that must be preserved in their current state for future generations to come. We also recognise the scientific importance of the clear water of the Springs, and feel that once this is compromised it will be lost for ever. We do not want to be remembered as rate payers and residents of TDC when the short term gain of more irrigation was placed above scientific and cultural reasoning, because this could pollute the Springs for ever.

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

Position

Support

Notes

We support this application. So many scientific elements of the Springs are not fully understood yet. It would be crazy to jeopardise their pure quality by overusing the water in the catchment, thus adversely affecting the springs.

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

Position

Grant the order

Notes

Ngati Tama Ki Te Waipounamu are the Kaitiaki of the Springs. They have requested a water conservation order, and on these grounds alone it should be granted. The Springs are a Taonga of world significance, and this should now be recognised through a special conservation order so that they may be enjoyed for generations to come. The scientific grounds for the preservation order are also very compelling. Since the full impact of ongoing irrigation is yet to be recognised, and the water takes 10 years to come through the whole system, it would be wise to be prudent with the water. Once the Springs have been polluted they will never regain their pristine quality. Does the current TDC wish to be remembered in perpetuity as the council that ruined the cleanest water in New Zealand through its short sighted-approach?

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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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We believe that our views are shared by so many others, they will be well represented at a public hearing.

Clause

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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That is a possibility.