

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 2095

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Submitter Type: Individual

Source: Email

Overall Notes:

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

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I support the Forest & Bird submission to grant the application. In particular I support measures for the wider catchment which will protect: the water clarity and purity, the scientific, ecological and biodiversity values, habitat for indigenous flora and fauna, cultural values, wild, scenic and natural characteristics. My submission relates to all of the application. I support the application. I seek that the Special Tribunal recommends granting the order to the Minister of the Environment. I do not want to present my views at the public hearing.

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

Position

Support

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I have visited the springs two times over my lifetime. The first was as a teenager and the second as a young adult. My first impression was the wow factor: the beauty of this large area of crystal clear water, the aquatic life deep within and how pristine it was, so untouched. Back then, most of NZ felt like this so I wasn't really surprised to see this. Many years later when I went back as a young adult, I was thrilled to see that the springs were just the same and I noticed a lot more people from NZ and the world, were enjoying this natural beauty. I am now in the tourism business and host many international people. I hear what they discuss of their journeys around NZ. They all say they come from around the world to see NZ's natural wonders. Our existence as a tourism destination lies solely on our unique and diverse landscapes. However, some of these travellers are starting to comment that some areas of NZ are becoming spoilt by over use, too many people and poor water quality. They are noticing a change. Please, do not allow these springs to become degraded by water pollution or too many visitors. This is a gem and its value lies in its pristine quality. Of course, not only tourism benefits from this. Its value lies in many areas of NZ life and cultural significance. We have an opportunity to work out how to protect these waters for the future. Let's get the right result for its future. Thank you.

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

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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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