

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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Submitter Type: Individual

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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 it

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

Position

Support

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I support the submission to put in place a Water Conservation Order for the aquifer that feeds Waikoropupū Springs. In my eyes Waikoropupū Springs are a totally special part of Golden Bay - they are beautiful, and they carry a very unique and pure feeling for visitors to appreciate. I think they are very important to the wellbeing of our community, and the the wellbeing of nature in the Bay. Furthermore, the springs support a special ecology that I believe requires our commitment to protect. The health of the Springs should not be taken for granted, as we may never be able to restore it if it is lost, then another gem of our world will be gone forever. Please take this opportunity to legally protect them. I recognise the importance of agriculture in New Zealand, however I don't believe that increasing irrigation (as TDC is allowing) or fertilisation is the solution to creating more sustainable agriculture. Rather, agricultural intensification is leading toward a crash - the faster one person farms, the faster all the others have to farm, the faster ecosystems are damaged, the faster the human population grows, the bigger the tension grows between people. Therefore, I think it is more in the long term interest of us to protect these special springs than allow more intensive farming.

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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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