

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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Protecting Te Waikoropupu Springs

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

Position

Support

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New Zealand will look back on these decisions and wonder why the people did nothing to save this natural wonder

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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

The move to intensive irrigated farming during the last 10 years has an detrimental impact on the above health indicators. A related concern is that most of the water rising at the main Spring has been underground for 10 years! So we don't know what levels of pollution are already in the aquifer. What we do know is that if we wreck the priceless underground ecosystem within the aquifer there is nothing to replace it with. So the water in the main Spring today reflects the farming of 10 years ago, when there was hardly any irrigation! Even so, it appears the impacts of intensive farming are becoming apparent. For example, weekly testing over the last two years shows the nitrate level in the main Spring has risen 10%

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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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The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.