

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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The Pupu Springs - as they are known locally - are an extraordinary body of water. I understand that the purity of this water is unique in the world. They need protecting from any degradation, and may need remedial treatment necessary to return them to their former pure, unique state, along with future protective measures from any farming or other activities which could damage the purity of the Springs.

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

Position

Support

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I support the application for a Water Conservation Order to enable the Pupu Springs to retain their purity and their unique status as possibly the most pure fresh water in the world. I live in Northland and we can see for ourselves up here in our own rivers, streams, lakes and springs the extreme damage that intensive farming and other activities do to fresh waterways which includes the loss of pure water, the loss of useful vegetation and the loss of fish and other native inhabitants of these waterways. We as a country must NOT allow this to happen to the Pupu Springs. We, as a country, have a responsibility to ensure their continuance as a pure source of fresh water into the future. I have visited the Pupu Springs a number of times, and I find it extraordinary that the officials from local authorities can even contemplate allowing farming practices which damage the Springs, and/or the extraction of the Springs' water for sale overseas. There is something very wrong with the Resource Management Act that allows these types of activities to happen under delegated authority to either an individual at the council, or to the whole council. There is too much lee-way in the legislation for potential corruption to enable these events to happen.

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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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That all degradation of the Pupu Springs that is currently happening through intensive farming stops. That the RMA is re-written to protect all the fresh waterways throughout New Zealand - with stringent rulings as to who makes decisions on these matters. And that the strongest possible Water Conservation Order be placed for perpetuity on the Pupu Springs - formally called Te Waikoropupu Springs - located in Takaka, Golden Bay.

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Would you like to present your views on this submission to the Special Tribunal at a public hearing?

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I would love to speak in support of this Water Conservation Order, but unless the EPA Special Tribunal comes up to Whangarei, I will be unable to do so.