

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 703

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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 just don't get how the majority of NZers allow the minority to destroy our unique environment for simple greed. How did the previous government minister for the environment who lives in the region not do more to protect Pupu Springs, it is such a unique part on NZ. Why are dairy farmers allowed to continue to destroy the fresh water supplies. Irrigation and dairy need to be completely eliminated from the Pupu catchment and it returned to native bush. The long term cheapest and only truly effective option is the government to purchase the surrounding land (at market value to be fair to the current landholder) and replant it to native. All mining or commercial activity should never be considered or allowed within that catchment and any existing should be removed. It's proven over and over that any human involvement and even government policies put money first ahead of any part of our environment. Control of harmful human behaviour by rules and policy is still always over-ruled by money, so unless humans are removed, the argument of putting the quality of one of our most valuable natural resources in the control of the same person who benefits financially from it's abuse is ridiculous. One greedy person benefits while the entire rest of the planet suffers ... totally ludicrous. Then to have a regional council support, encourage, ignore the resource act and pave the way to allow a greater degradation (in this case allowing more irrigation) of our precious and fragile natural environment is completely inexcusable.

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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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