

Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 2051

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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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As a past, and likely future visitor, these springs hold a special place in our families' memories as the first place we had the opportunity to encounter giant kōkopu. As one of our most threatened native fish species, the opportunity for your average tourist in Aotearoa to see these beauties is limited. This place just blew us away, and like so many natural wonders in this country, its value is never truly realised until it is threatened or lost. For too long, short-term economic interests of a few are the bar for our nation's economic prosperity. Let us not operate on a depletion economy which leaves destruction in its wake as Alanis Obomsawin suggests. "When the last tree is cut, the last fish is caught, and the last river is polluted; when to breathe the air is sickening, you will realize, too late, that wealth is not in bank accounts and that you can't eat money."

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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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