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My submission:

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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It's incredibly important that the Hearing Panel understand your personal views about Te Waikoropupū Springs. Please tell them below what's important to you::

We (my husband and myself) are regular visitors to New Zealand, as our daughter is now resident there. We have visited the Springs many times as they are incomparably beautiful and support many important species and flora, which for me particularly is significant draw. I have a Postgraduate Diploma in Environmental Conservation (with Distinction, Oxford University). This enables me, at least in part, to make a reasoned judgement about the value of a habitat, particularly in relation to the natural environment. The degradation of the quality and clarity of the Springs can only have a serious and negative impact on the habitat and the flora and fauna it supports. Given the uniqueness of the habitat this would be a more than a significant loss, it would, in the long term, be catastrophic. Though I am not as equipped to judge the impact on the cultural aspect of this appeal I can appreciate that it is linked to Māori and Pakeha understanding about their natural world. It cannot however, be only of significance to those specific sensibilities. We are all culturally impacted on when we lose unique natural environments, either through invasive non-native species and/or the impact of farming practices. In the UK we are ahead of you in that regard. Much of what we had has been lost is a direct result of habitat loss and degradation related

to farming and forestry practice and more is being lost year on year. This not only distances people from the natural world, it has degraded the land and the species it supports irrevocably. The issue of nitrate wash into rivers, lakes and streams is significant in relation to this. I cannot urge you enough to vigorously resist the proposal to increase irrigation in the wider catchment, as it can be nothing but seriously detrimental to the Springs. As they say "when it is gone it is gone".

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