

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

**Submission Reference no:** 82

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**Submitter Type:** Individual

**Source:** Web Form

## Overall Notes:

### Clause

The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:

### Notes

For practical purposes, you could say the entire submission. My family, friends, neighbours, and I oppose any commercial extraction of water from the springs.

### Clause

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

### Position

Oppose (Please provide the reasons why with reference to section 199 and 207 of the RMA)

### Notes

As you know, NIWA (National Institute for Water and Atmosphere) has advised on 5 key items to safeguard the health of the aquifer. This is the best available information and is incorporated in the WCO. 1) At the Springs, dissolved organic carbon must remain undetectable to maintain the water's extreme clarity. 2) The aquifer should be managed to ensure that water discharging from the springs contains at least 6.0 milligrammes per litre (mg/l) of dissolved oxygen. 3) The aquifer and catchments should be managed to ensure that nitrate-N concentrations in spring water do not exceed 0.4 mg/l. 4) The aquifer should be managed to maintain ammonia concentrations below 0.05 mg/l. 5) The 99% protection level concentrations provided within the ANZECC guidelines for toxicants should apply until further research gives better information. The only way to ensure these conditions and protections is to forbid commercial extraction of water from the springs.

### Clause

I/we seek the following recommendation from the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment

### Position

Decline the order

### Notes

### Clause

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

### Position

I/we do want to present my/our views at a public hearing

### Notes

I may be unavoidably travelling overseas at the time of the hearings, but if I am in New Zealand I want to be heard.

### Clause

If others make a similar submission, would you want to consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing?

### Position

Yes

### Notes

I would consider doing so but am not willing to make a commitment at this time to do so.