

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

**Submission Reference no:** 1324

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**Submitter Type:** Individual

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## Overall Notes:

### Clause

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

### Notes

Lack of consultation with the agriculture community. Lack of fact around WCO. How the WCO is going to impact on our business and heritage.

### 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

Facts as they stand is there are 26 Dairy Farms in the recharge zone. The nitrate reading is .3 so this is from these farms practices 10 years ago. Given that between .1 and .2 nitrate readings are natural Agriculture could be said to be responsible for .1 to .15 of that. Given that agriculture has been working with science to ensure that we are doing the least we have improved practices including more efficient irrigators to ensure our nitrates go into grass growth than leaching. There would have to be a high growth in dairy in the recharge zone to effect another .1 nitrate in fact there is not enough land to add that many cows. If the WCO came in as applied the 26 dairy units would not get their water consents renewed nor be able to apply effluent in fact would close these Dairy units down and our land wouldn't be able to be used for much. The Dairy factory would not be able to be used and no building in Takaka township. The loss of all of this would result in ghost town. Most in the recharge zone are family farms 3 to 5 generational farms. This is our home and we love and value the waikoropupu springs. Stignafloa which are important for purifying water are found in canterbury in waterways with nitrate levels far in excess of what would ever be in recharge zone

### 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

### Clause

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

### Position

Yes

### Notes

**The submitter have elected to withhold their personal details from publication.**