

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 771

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**Submitter Type:** Individual

**Source:** Email

## Overall Notes:

### Clause

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

### Notes

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.

### Clause

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

### Position

Support

### Notes

e Waikoropupū Springs are important to me personally because of their already existing value as a body of NZ fresh water. This is the largest freshwater springs in New Zealand and have some of the clearest water ever measured in 1993 the National Institute for Water and Atmosphere measured water visibility to 63 metres. As an artist and with an interest in NZ Fresh Water I have enjoyed visiting this site countless times to capture the vibrancy and clarity of the water at this particular site. The Springs are home to many indigenous fish species including short and long finned eel, bully, kōaro and kōkopu. This site is also a habitat for submerged mosses and liverworts. As a New Zealander I value this commodity of water to be regarded with more understanding and respect. The springs are important to me because of their history and is a place held in high cultural and spiritual in regards to local Māori. I feel that by protecting this wider catchment area from commercial influences we would be safeguarding this site for future generations to enjoy as well as acknowledging it's important cultural, historical and spiritual significance.

### Clause

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

### Position

Grant 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 not want to present my/our views at a public hearing

### Notes