

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

**Submission Reference no:** 742

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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

Every time a fresh water spring in New Zealand is degraded by the ingress of pollutants, by extraction from irrigation, or plundered by water bottling companies we permanently have lost a taonga. For hundreds of years this country has thrived without the need to degrade these springs. We are at a time of crisis where the degradation of waterways, water bodies, aquifers and springs are becoming toxic from algal blooms caused by nutrification, low water flows and warm water from lack of riparian vegetation that the industries that are degrading these waters are placing at risk themselves, the local and national economy, export markets, and the quality of life on a local and national level. The role of government is to ameliorate and moderate the wilfulness of the powerful so that society can function peacefully. The neoliberal hands off laissez faire style of governance adopted over the last forty years has been an enormous failure for all but a tiny per centage of the population. The failure has not just been economic but social, cultural and environmental. Allowing the degradation of Te Waikoropupu Springs is one component in a giant web of environmental and resource management 1 failures that has amounted to systemic resource grabs that are detrimental to the well being of Aotearoa /New Zealand.

### 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