

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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**Submitter Type:** Organisation

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## Overall Notes:

### Clause

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

### Position

Support

### Notes

Besides being an outstanding 'clean and green' tourist destination to demonstrate the 100% Pure NZ brand the springs should be protected from pollution to preserve its delicate ecosystem. In particular, it should be noted that the worst impacts on the aquifer are not from general farming, but from high intensity farming, particularly from heavy irrigation and fertiliser use. There are farming alternatives to high intensity farming, for example building the carbon content of the soil, attention to trace nutrient balance and beneficial soil organisms, and using deeper rooting pasture species. These types of farming are referred to as 'Natural farming', 'Organic farming' or 'Regenerative Agriculture'. Some farms in the Takaka catchment are already working this way and finding it profitable, showing that there are ways of 'meeting the needs of primary industry' with a far lower impact on the aquifer. This is a great opportunity for NZ to showcase clean farming practices upstream of some of the worlds cleanest water. These clean farming practices work without increased irrigation so simply don't allow it.

### 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