

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

**Submission Reference no:** 1214

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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

Too many of our true icons have already been lost or are in serious risk of extinction. Pu pu springs was one of the images etched in my memory of New Zealand from my first visit before we came here to live. This is a magical place; difficult to comprehend the clarity and the sheer volume of water, it's value to New Zealand and the world is priceless. Putting this marvel of nature at risk by not granting the application would seem to me to be absurd and not only that but an insult to the cultural values of Māori. The springs are a magnet that underpins the attraction of Golden Bay to tourists; there would be few people who have not heard of these springs. Having travelled to most parts of New Zealand and seen first-hand the shocking decline in the quality of our waterways (coinciding with intensive dairy) and hearing that our aquifers are also becoming seriously contaminated by on-farm activity, it is crucial that we protect this aquifer before it's too late. Tourism is one of this countries most important industries which is built on an image of a clean environment. If we fail to protect these high profile springs we are putting another nail in our economic coffin.

### 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