

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

**Submission Reference no:** 784

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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

These is the Southern Hemispheres largest freshwater springs with an incredible clarity. Why would we not protect them? Big money and big business will always find someone that argues that the springs are not endangered. But in the long run, it is the environment and the community that lose. There is so little clean fresh water left in the world. New Zealand has a bad track record for looking after its fresh water/rivers. Let's keep this special spring well protected, beyond what some bought scientists would like to argue is 'safe'. Let's just be extra safe. Climate change is happening. Let's not stress this system to breaking point, with man-made pollutants, because we don't know yet what we are in for. I have heard at the meetings that there are already less desirable activities happening in the vicinity of the springs and nothing bad has happened (yet). That argument just doesn't stack up to allow more polluters into the area. Clean fresh water is special, and Te Waikoropupu Springs are extra special. Let's treat them as that!

### 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