

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

Submission Reference no: 702

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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

As as NZ-specialist travel writer for more than a decade, I have covered the Golden Bay area in online and print travel information in great detail; this includes five editions of the New Zealand Lonely Planet guide. In that time my co-writer and I have visited the springs on an annual basis. In my view this is an absolute gem, both as as our own natural and cultural asset, but as an exemplary tourist attraction. Giving such places the highest possible protection sends not only a message to the people of New Zealand, but to our visitors. We value of natural assets beyond all else. How many more pristine places must be degraded before we start seriously cranking up our protection levels? As a travel writer, I can tell you that we are getting rumbled and it's starting to look embarrassing. And it's only a matter of time before domestic travel writers like me start turning up the heat... Pristine landscapes? Unparalleled beauty? Good grief. Gimme a break. This is compromising my integrity. I strongly support Forest & Bird's application. Kia kaha e hoa ma!

### 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