

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

**Submission Reference no:** 716

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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

I have visited the Springs several times and have had great pleasure in introducing visitors to NZ to this wonder. The walk in feels like a pilgrimage to a special place. I am in awe of the clarity and power of the water that flows from the Springs - there is something so visceral about seeing pure water pour from the ground after a journey through the mountains. It is something very precious and arouses deep thoughts about the nature of our environment. I fully respect the local Iwi stand point of not swimming in or entering the Springs: it is enough just to look. I am also aware of the scientific and ecological value of the Springs. As a graduate of a joint degree in Agriculture and Ecology, I appreciate the value of such a rare environment to scientific study. I am very saddened to hear of the threats to the Springs from agriculture, notably irrigation take and nitrogen contamination.

### 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