

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

**Submission Reference no:** 557

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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

\*This is a sacred site, with special significance for Iwi. \*It is an internationally renowned site for the purity and clarity of its water. \*It is a vital part of the tourism attractions in Golden Bay and internationally recognised in that regard. \*It is part of an ecosystem that must be protected. Already changes in nitrate levels are evident based on current development and the resulting changes in what is otherwise, a pristine water system. \*Allowing an increase in irrigation/agriculture in this fragile environment will have adverse environmental effects. \*It will degrade this special ecosystem-a potentially short term gain to agriculture, ultimately leading to an incremental loss of amenity, landscape, ecological and tourism values that will affect the wider community, iwi, and New Zealanders generally who recognise and appreciate the environmental and ecological importance of this special natural ecosystem. \*I support the application of a Water Conservation Order to ensure the significance of the site and its cultural, ecosystem, amenity and tourism values are recognised and protected. The application should be processed with urgency considering the potential adverse risks this catchment may be subject to.

### 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