

# Water Conservation Order: Te Waikoropupū Springs and Associated Waterbodies

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## Overall Notes:

### Clause

What is/are your view/s on the application?

### Position

Support

### Notes

The Water Conservation Order (WCO) calls for the outstandingly clear water of the aquifer to be protected. The aquifer must be cared for so that it remains a healthy place for the stygofauna to live. The stygofauna are the small animals and bugs living in the aquifer and are an essential part of producing the outstandingly clear water.

### Clause

I/we seek the following recommendation from the Special Tribunal to the Minister for the Environment

### Position

Grant the order

### Notes

It is imperative that the order is granted without change to attempt to hold the current position. In making this decision we need to be aware that most of the water rising at the main Spring has been underground for 10 years! So we don't know what levels of pollution are already in the aquifer. What we do know is that if we allow further degradation of the aquifer the priceless underground ecosystem the priceless underground ecosystem will be irretrievably lost forever. I am not against farming but suggest until we see what the effect of the last 10 years is that primary industry usage be restricted to a far lower impact on the aquifer.

### 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

I would like to support this submission by being present at the hearing. I no longer trust The Tasman District Council to present an argument which protects the future of its custodial responsibility to the land, the iwi, the community and commercial farming interests. Its first obligation is to protect and sustain natural resources, and any use must take place within that constraint.