

Form 30
Submission on publicly notified application for water conservation order
or for revocation or amendment of water conservation order

Sections 205 and 216, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Special Tribunal - Hurunui River Water Conservation Order
c/- Alex Miller
Ministry for the Environment
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Name of submitter: Dr. Mark Staiger

This is a submission on an application from the *New Zealand and North Canterbury Fish and Game Councils and the New Zealand Recreational Canoeing Association* for a water conservation order for *Hurunui River*.

This application is for a Water Conservation Order for the Hurunui River in the hope that its outstanding amenity and intrinsic values will be preserved and protected for generations to come.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

Preserving the natural character and outstanding wilderness qualities of the Hurunui river as an outstanding fishery of national significance, if not international significance.

My submission is:

I fully support the Water Conservation Order for the Hurunui River and surrounding waters and lakes. My main reasons for strongly supporting this order are as follows:

- ◆ I have had the pleasure of enjoying this area for the last 8 years and feel it is one of the last few places in Canterbury where we can experience a wildness river in its pristine state and yet only a couple of hours from Christchurch. I demand that we protect this river for future generations in a time when it is all too easy an option to simply dam more rivers for our energy requirements. To alter the natural state of the Hurunui river would indeed be a tragedy;
- ◆ The outdoor and angling experience that the Hurunui river & lakes and surrounding native forest offer rival the best found anywhere in New Zealand;
- ◆ The trout and salmon angling offered by this river is possibly some of the best in the Canterbury region – in particular the upper reaches of the Hurunui are home to trophy-sized trout. The large and plentiful trout present in the Hurunui River are a consequence of the pristine qualities of the river and surrounding environment. Crucial to the high quality of this fishery is the free passage of trout and salmon from the sea all the way to the headwaters of the north and south branches of the river; and
- ◆ All visitors I have taken to this region have commented on the beauty, solitude and natural state of the river and its surrounding native bush. It is a place truly envied by our international visitors and requires our stewardship.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

A Water Conservation Order for the Hurunui River and surrounding waters.

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

* If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Dr. Mark Staiger

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Signature of submitter
(or person authorised to sign
on behalf of submitter)

Monday, 17 November 2008

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Date

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

Address for service of submitter:

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Note to submitter

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the special tribunal.

The special tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.