

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
PO Box 10362
Wellington 6143

Name of submitter: Robert P. Blickle

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*.

Preservation of the Hurunui river and high country lakes

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

Upper Hurunui waters

My submission is:

I wholeheartedly support the water conservation order. I have tramped and fished in this area for a number of years. The Hurunui River is a unique and valuable natural gift. In North Canterbury there is no other large river with such a stable and clear water flow year round. By virtue of the natural water collection and settling effect of Lake Sumner, the river water is clear-flowing throughout the year. This provides a unique venue for miles of excellent fishing and kayaking down stream from the lake. The gorge geography of the upper Hurunui spectacular and inspiring. Preserving such a jewel that is so near many people living in North Canterbury is a must. In this day and age we need such recreational sites to give us serenity and keep us connected with the best nature has to offer. To dam this area or even draw water for farming purposes should not be allowed. The financial benefit of a few landowners must not threaten such a treasure that belongs to everyone.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

Approve the water conservation order

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

Robert P. Blickle

Date 20-11-08

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

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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.