

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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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*.

[Briefly describe the application and the reasons for the application.]

Enduring protection of the waterways and flows of the Hurunui Catchments, due to persistent threats from competing interests.

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

[give details].

Historical value and recreational value

My submission is:

I SUPPORT the order as this unique waterway was the original gateway from the East to West Coast which Maori used, in particular to get critically important greenstone (Ponamu) to the rest of New Zealand. It also became an early trail for colonial New Zealand. The land forms and river systems have changed little since this time.

The recreational value of this waterway is priceless. From a beauty perspective and scenery aspect it has been painted and caught on canvas since the 1800's. It has pockets of native bush and birdlife which excite birdwatchers. Flyfisherpeople enjoy a unique waterway in many ways. In particular the now rare, but natural phenomenon of a stretch of water fed from Lake Sumner, which is never discoloured, despite the heaviest of rains. The braided waterways in the upper stretches provide a critical area for wild spawning and breeding of Quinnant salmon and trout. Upper reaches also support a healthy population of Blue Duck.

This delicate ecosystem is interlinked across the whole waterway. Interfering in one part would have an effect on all others such as local pattern weather changes. Finally, the Hurunui flows into a vast lagoon before spilling into the Pacific Ocean. Should flows dwindle this outflow would be at risk of prolonged closure with the ocean, affecting lower fresh water species and coastal sea life.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

[give precise details, including the general nature of any changes sought to the order].

Approve the order to give enduring protection to this waterway

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

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

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Date 21 Nov 2008

(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.