

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

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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*.

My submission covers and supports all of the application, but in particular relates to pages 21 – 40 which summarises the following values to be preserved or protected:

- the outstanding amenity and intrinsic values
- the outstanding habitat for terrestrial or aquatic organisms
- the outstanding fishery
- the outstanding natural characteristics, wild and scenic values
- the outstanding recreational attributes
- the characteristics that are considered to be of outstanding significance in accordance with tikanga Maori

My submission is:

I support the order as I believe Canterbury's braided rivers are beautiful and should remain unaltered. It seems that the entire Canterbury coast is under threat of modification by farmers, particularly dairy farmers. I believe that Canterbury farmers need to farm to the conditions, as they historically have, without the expectation of taking large amounts of water. Any initiative to preserve the natural flow of water would be supported by me. The rivers require a good flush through to maintain their health. The deep channels are good for the protection of nesting birds from predators. This process has been in place for thousands of years and should remain so. Nature knows best.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

To approve the water conservation order to keep the Upper Hurunui including the Mandamus in its natural state and to extend the conservation order to the lower Hurunui to secure flows that protect biodiversity.

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