

**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:

- paragraph 40 of the application, which summarises the outstanding ecological values of the waters

My submission is:

I support the application for a Water Conservation Order for the Hurunui River. I am an ecologist (BSc Lincoln University) and I worked for the Department of Conservation (DOC) at the Hurunui Mainland Island. On behalf of the New Zealand people, this area was chosen as a mainland island because of the nature of the habitat and the existence of remnant (rare) bird populations (e.g. mohua, orange-fronted parakeet yellow-crowned parakeet, kaka, kiwi, kea).

The south branch of the Hurunui River must be allowed to flow naturally; otherwise, this vulnerable system may change in such a way that favours invasive species at the detriment of native organisms. The New Zealand people have invested a good amount of effort in controlling pest species and nurturing rare and vulnerable species; it would be a shame to compromise this effort.

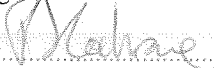
The Lower Hurunui River and the Mandamus tributary must be included in the Conservation order, to protect native fish and birdlife, especially black-fronted tern and black-billed gull.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

The Hurunui River Water Conservation Order is granted. The flow rate and volume of the Hurunui River is unaltered. The Lower Hurunui River and the Mandamus tributary are included in the Hurunui River Water Conservation order.

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

Signature of submitter



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