

**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

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Name of submitter:

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:

- paragraphs 39-42 of the application, which summarises the outstanding amenity and intrinsic values of the waters, and
- paragraphs 96-115 of the application, which address the outstanding recreational attributes of the Hurunui River.

My submission is: *[include –whether you support or oppose the order; and the reasons for your views. Describe here your experiences on the Hurunui, and why it is important to you that it is protected. Attach further information if you wish to]*.

_____ I support the order as applied for by the above bodies. I have made use of the Hurunui River for water based recreation for nearly forty years on a regular basis. For most of that time I have also used the river for school and Club instruction groups; it is the primary river used by Canterbury based groups for instruction in whitewater kayaking and in the case of one school I am involved with, it is used for river crossing instruction. The typically low flows of late summer are invaluable in this situation for introducing novices to moving water.

Equally as a recreational user, I value the more challenging high flows as a greater challenge to my own abilities.

Losing the variability in flow would, I believe, seriously diminish the river's value as a recreational resource.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

[Give precise details, including the general nature of any changes sought to the order or indicate your support for the water conservation order as has been sought. If you support the kayaking sections of the Hurunui being protected in their current state, then make a statement to this effect].

that the Tribunal decide fully in favour of the order as sought by NZRCA and NZ and North Canterbury Fish and Game Councils

_____ I nominate the NZRCA to present in support of my submission.

(Choose an option and delete the other options)

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Signature of submitter (*or* person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)
.....Murray Raymond Watson.....

Date 5 December 5, 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