

### 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  
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Name of submitter: Waikato Kayak Club

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*.

The Waikato Kayak Club 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 value of the waters; and
- Paragraphs 96-115 of the application, which addresses the outstanding recreational attributes of the Hurunui River.

### **Waikato Kayak Club Submission:**

Kayaking in New Zealand is an up and coming sport. Our club specifically has had more new members this year than the previous few years, and there are fleets of school white water boats approaching our local rivers.

In the era of 'wrapping kids in cotton wool' it is excellent to see that schools and other organisations have taken on the initiative to introduce sports such as kayaking in a safety conscious environment giving these people the best opportunities to learn skills at the appropriate level.

Likewise in Christchurch, the club has an extensive membership, and are also fully affiliated to the NZRCA (New Zealand Recreational Canoe Association).

Many of the Waikato Kayak Club have kayaked the Hurinui and can see the benefits of protecting this river with a Water Conservation Order.

The Hurunui has an extensive white water range, from grade 2 to grade 3+. Paddlers from beginners to experienced teachers all come back to paddle and experience this river in different flows and season. The location makes it accessible for day trips and

training sessions for the local people as well as an attractive stop on the travelling kayakers' route.

It has clear water and beautifully natural environment to paddle in, which could never be replaced should the environment succumb to the increasing pressure for irrigation and hydro power development.

The Waikato Kayak Club fully supports the adoption of a Water Conservation Order to protect the Hurunui River.

**The Waikato Kayak Club seek the following decision from the special tribunal:**

To support the kayaking sections of the Hurunui, from the Top Gorge, to the Hawarden Gap, to be protected in their current state, for future generations of white water kayakers to enjoy.

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

Yours sincerely

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