

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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Name of submitter:

Fiona Margaret Mackay

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 Applicants consider that the amenity and intrinsic values of the Hurunui River and its associated lakes and tributaries are nationally outstanding and should be recognized and sustained by a Water Conservation Order.

The Hurunui River and its associated lakes and tributaries are under increasing threat from major irrigation and hydro-electricity proposals. The Hurunui River needs robust and durable statutory protection to ensure that future generations are able to continue to experience its outstanding values.

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

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:

The Hurunui is an accessible, varied and user-friendly whitewater resource. No other large city in New Zealand has such a valuable river on its doorstep. I support the granting of the Hurunui Water Conservation Order.

I learnt to kayak on the Hurunui as a member of the University of Canterbury Canoe Club in the early '90s. Many weekends year round would involve a trip up to the Hurunui, early on to the easy sections and later on to Maori Gully. I trained to be an instructor there and completed a river rescue course at Jolly Brook. I appreciate what the Hurunui has to offer even more now I am living in Sydney which doesn't have anything that comes close to the Hurunui in terms of accessibility, reliability of water flow and suitability for a range of skills. It is a fantastic resource worthy of protection.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

I seek a decision from the tribunal to grant the Water Conservation Order for the Hurunui river

I wish (*or do not wish*) to be heard in support of my submission

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

* If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of submitter (*or name if sent electronically, or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter*)

Fiona Mackay.....

Date 9 December 2008

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Note to submitter

You must copy of your submission to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the special tribunal. If your submission is by electronic means, this is accomplished by CC-ing the applicant's legal counsel as at the top of this form.

The special tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.