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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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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:

I SUPPORT the application for a water conservation order as stated in the submission.

I periodically visit the Hurunui River and tributaries to tramp, study the plant life and look for birds, including kiwi.

During these tramping trips I continually appreciate and marvel at the glacial landscapes, the pristine forests and the tussock and riverine landscapes.

I have seen more kaka in one place than anywhere else – 15 in one tree, and had robins coming into my tent fly and examining my gear while camped in the upper valleys.

The high ecological values of the whole area are important to thousands of people who enjoy many activities including tramping, canoeing, wild life study, photography or painting and other artistic expression inspired by the nature of the country.

The Hurunui River and its associated lakes and tributaries needs statutory protection to ensure that future generations are able to experience its outstanding values.

The north branch delta is particularly important for the myriad of groundcover and prostrate plants especially adapted to stabilize shifting shingle. These plants are less common now because so many South Island rivers have been severely modified. The delta is ideal for our endemic river nesting/feeding birds such as the migratory wrybill, black-fronted tern and New Zealand gull, *Larus bulleri*.

Because so many rivers have reduced flows through extraction there is less suitable habitat for these birds than ever before and we need to look after them.

The upper Hurunui and tributaries form outstanding landscape and provide outstanding habitat.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

I SUPPORT a WCO as detailed in the application for reasons of –
important plant and animal habitat.
world class scenery
geological record
important for canoeing and kayaking, tramping and walking, photography and art,
tourism

I wish to be heard in support of my submission and nominate the NZRCA to present in support of my submission.

G. Pollock
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Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

6.12.08
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Date

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