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Special Tribunal - Hurunui River Water Conservation Order
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Submission on Hurunui Water Conservation Order Application: Part IX RMA

From: Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council, PO Box 2173, Stoke, Nelson

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 Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council is responsible for the management of sports fish and game birds in the Nelson Marlborough region in the interests of anglers and hunters. While the Hurunui River is not in the Nelson Marlborough region, a number of anglers who purchase licences in this region take advantage of fishing opportunities in other regions through their inter-available licences. The relative proximity of the upper Hurunui River and the similarity of its fishery to the back country trout fisheries of the Nelson Marlborough Region make it attractive and accessible to anglers from this region and from throughout the country and other countries.

For this reason the Nelson Marlborough Fish and Game Council supports the application for a water conservation order in the Hurunui. This region acknowledges in particular the large trout numbers and wild and scenic setting of this renowned back country fishery in the lakes and rivers of the upper Hurunui. From the perspective of the New Zealand angler, these fisheries are considered of outstanding value.

I wish to be heard in respect of this submission, but may consider being heard in association with the applicant Fish and Game Council or other parties with common views on this topic.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Neil Deans".

Neil Deans
Manager

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

Nelson/Marlborough Region