

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:

Alison Kohout

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.

In the kayaking world, the Hurunui is a gem! It is in a perfect location as it is only a day trip for Christchurch boaters and provides excellent camping for weekend trips. The various sections of the Hurunui place it has an ideal river for beginners, intermediate paddlers and as a training ground for expert paddlers. It caters for play boaters, river runners and slalom paddlers. The river can be paddled and enjoyed in low, medium and high flows making it a very reliable

paddling trip. Not only is the Hurunui a fantastic venue for paddlers, but it is also extremely scenic and has much to offer for everyone. For these reasons, I strongly support the granting of the Hurunui Water Conservation Order.

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

* 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*)

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Date 10/12/2008

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Note to submitter

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