

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:

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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*.

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.

Since my first paddling trip on the Hurunui River in 1996, it has been a pivotal in my whitewater kayaking experience. It provides ideal grade 2 sections for learning the skills, was the scene of my first grade 3 section, and has also been the location for introducing my friends to the joys of kayaking. Even though we have progressed in skill up to higher grades, we still frequently visit the Hurunui, and these trips continue to leave us grinning from ear to ear.

I have also attended a number of rescue and safety courses there, and despite travelling widely with my kayaking, still rate it as one of the most ideal teaching venues for these important skill sets. Another aspect which I particularly rate highly is the seasonal/ weather related flow variations, in particular the middle to higher flows which provide marvellous play features so close to Christchurch.

The Hurunui holds a very special place in my heart; I hope that it can remain free flowing and unspoilt for future generations to enjoy as I do.

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 do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

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

Date

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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.