

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.

*I have kayaked the Hurunui River on approximately 60 occasions since 2007 its an awesome river that has helped me progress from a grade 2 paddler to a grade 4 paddler in less than two years. I am going to be using the experience I gained on it to make a push at grade 5 this summer. Many many people benefit from and enjoy this river in its present state. As a forgiener I can honestlly say its rivers like these that make new zealand great and contribute to your awesome selection of paddlers.*

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 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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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.