

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 pages 21-40 which summarises the following values to be preserved or protected:

- the outstanding amenity and intrinsic values
- the outstanding habitat for terrestrial or aquatic organisms
- the outstanding fishery
- the outstanding natural characteristics, wild and scenic values
- the outstanding recreational attributes
- the characteristics that are considered to be of outstanding significance in accordance with tikanga Maori

My submission is that I oppose the order allowing the damming of the river. I have been holidaying in the area for over 30 years. I have fished parts of the Hurunui River over that time and have taken my children down the river by both raft and kayak. I regard the Hurunui as being the best place to fish in New Zealand. I rate it so highly that I come down from the North Island at least once a year to visit the area. I have also hunted the Sumner National park and it is the natural beauty of the area that keeps me coming back. (My hunting skills leave a lot to be desired.) I wish to introduce my grandchildren to the area sometime in the future when they are born and hopefully they will be able to show their grandchildren as well. I have shown photographs of the area at presentations I have given all around the world, showing off what a great wilderness area it is. I have used it to help persuade people to come and study in New Zealand so that they can also enjoy this great country.

I would love to be able to support my submission at the hearing, but unfortunately, I will not be able to attend.

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