

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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1. Name of submitter: Murray Robert Brice
2. Location in relation to the Hurunui River: 561 Medbury Road, which is approximately 1.5kms from the Hurunui River.

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*.

3. My submission opposes all of the application, but in particular relates to:

The fact that if the Conservation order was successful, there would be no water harvesting/irrigation schemes permitted. I believe that an irrigation scheme utilising best practice with regard to irrigation efficiency & environmental issues managed in such a way that there is minimal impact on the environment would be of great benefit to the Hurunui district.

4. I have strong views in relation to the following:

I am a keen fisherman myself & would not support any scheme that would be detrimental to the Hurunui River. The proposed scheme is based on water storage & managing the water flows between the natural high and low. The Hurunui River is already protected with a low flow thresh hold which once reached results in irrigation ceasing. The application is an additional process to the proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan, the Hurunui District Plan, the Hurunui River Management Plan and the Canterbury Strategic Water Study. All of these processes have considered the values that need protecting and how they should be protected.

I also feel that democracy should be able to run its course and when the proposed scheme goes through the consent process, all environmental concerns will be addressed to the satisfaction of all parties with an interest in the Hurunui River.

5. I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

That the application for a Water Conservation Order on the Hurunui River be **declined**.

I 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.

Murray Robert Brice

Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

Date: 11 December 2008

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

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Note to submitter

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the special tribunal.