

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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Copy to: Hurunui River Water Conservation Order
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1. Name of submitter: Sam Zino
2. I was raised on a farm on Lake Sumner Road Hawarden, went to Lincoln University where I gained a double degree, Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Hons) and a Masters in Applied Science (Agroforestry). I feel I am well qualified to comment on the values associated with the Hurunui River and its community. I now farm at 1042 The Peaks Road Hawarden. Our property is located approx 1km from the Hurunui River, just alongside the Mandamus confluence. 2 of my neighbours boundary the Hurunui River. Our farm is a deer and cattle operation that has medium/steep hill to rolling downs. We have views of the Hurunui River from various locations around our property. I am also a recreational user of the river, swimming, boating, rafting and fishing.
3. 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.

I feel very strongly that a water conservation order on all or parts of the Hurunui River will have detrimental effects to our farming community for future generations. Any order that prevents any innovation from the possible use of water is short sighted and quite bluntly, narrow minded. Water harvesting scheme would increase the productive value of the farming community making it a sustainable asset for future generations. Furthermore the economic flow on effects for the wider community are well documented.

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

The mainstem of the lower Hurunui River in my opinion is definitely NOT to be considered an outstanding feature. There are many examples of these braided river systems in Canterbury, and in my opinion the lower reaches of the Hurunui River doesn't have anything exceptionally different.

There are parts of the upper reaches of the Hurunui River that have some inner beauty, Moari Gully is one that comes to mind. However the beauty of this Gully could be maintained in its current state by run of the river flow limitations set on any new possible development.

For the life of me I cannot understand why a Water conservation order is needed on this river. The very beauty that is the "Hurunui River" is a combination of natural habitat (flora and fauna) and the farming landscape. This farming influence is not to be ignored when considering these outstanding features of the Hurunui River.

4. 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

Sam Zino

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

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Date 10/12/08

(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.