

**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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Name of submitter: \_\_\_\_Daniel Joseph Hodgen

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 is against all of the application :*[include –whether you support or oppose the order; and the reasons for your views. Describe here your experiences on the Hurunui, and why it is important to you that it is protected. Attach further information if you wish to]*.

I have been involved with the Hurunui river on and off for all of my life. My grandfather used to take me fishing on the upper Hurunui and camping at the mouth from the age of 5. I have grown up in the Hawarden area and now as a landowner and also the owner of the local 4 Square in Hawarden I am strongly against a Conservation Order. I am also ashamed to have to say that through Licence fees I am a contributor to Fish and Game. Fishermen and Canoeist's alike contribute virtually nothing to the local economy except rubbish and diesel fumes. I believe as the owner of the 4 Square I am in a position to comment on this like few others. While this in itself should not prevent them from having a say in the management of the river, it should be just that, a say not total control.

I believe very strongly that to place a Conservation order on the Hurunui at this stage would be irresponsible. The local Farming community is hurting at the moment and look to be heading into yet another Drought. Without thorough investigation the applicants of this order are fighting Fact with Emotion. For the tribunal to effectively ' Lock Up' the river, based on this emotion' without further information would be wrong and undemocratic.

The potential for growth in the Southern half of the Hurunui basin if the river is utilised sustainably is massive. Without further study, the potential benefits and impacts from further irrigation cannot be qualified and should not just be guessed. It is very possible that a water storage scheme could improve the overall health of the river system by maintaining minimum flows in the main stem of the Hurunui and in its Tributaries, which at the moment dry up completely more often than not.

**I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:**

I ask the tribunal to reject the application for a ' Water Conservation Order' or at the very least postpone it until further information is available about the costs verses benefit of any decision. To do anything else would be unjust and extremely irresponsible.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission.

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

Date: 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

The special tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.