

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
c/- Alex Miller
Ministry for the Environment
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Name of submitter: OTAGO CANOE AND KAYAK CLUB (OCKC)

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*.

[Briefly describe the application and the reasons for the application.]

The application is for a Water Conservation Order on the Hurunui River in order to protect the river and its environs from possible destruction from developers who might wish to use the river for irrigation, electricity or some other supposed 'development' scheme.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

[give details].

The whole application.

My submission is:

The Otago Canoe and Kayak Club wish to support this application for a Water Conservation Order for the Hurunui River.

The Hurunui River is used on a regular basis by a large number of kayakers at all levels of skill and proficiency. Its accessibility and proximity to Christchurch make it a good river to take beginner and intermediate kayakers on and thereby introduce new people to the sport on a river that is very scenic.

New Zealand is well known for its wild and untamed environment (including the rivers). Over the last 20-30 years an increasing number of rivers that were paddled and enjoyed by whitewater kayakers have been lost to hydro-electric dams or irrigation. The current drive for 'renewable energy' further threatens the rivers that remain. To change the course of a river by damming is not 'renewable'. Once a river is dammed it is changed for life. As New Zealanders, and particularly as whitewater paddlers in New Zealand we do not wish to see the kayaking environment destroyed any further than it already is. To have a water conservation order on the Hurunui river would give protection to a river that is scenic, enjoyable for those who paddle it, challenging and an asset not only to kayakers but to other recreational groups.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

[give precise details, including the general nature of any changes sought to the order].

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.

* Delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case.

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

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Date

(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.