
Submission on an application for an amendment to the Kawarau River Water Conservation Order

To : Special Tribunal – Kawarau River Water Conservation Order
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This is a submission on an application from New Zealand and Otago Fish and Game Councils for an amendment to the water conservation order for the Kawarau River which relates to its tributary, the Nevis River. The application seeks to recognise the Nevis River's outstanding values – wild and scenic characteristics; back country trout fishery; natural characteristics, in particular outstanding natural landforms; trout spawning habitat; adult trout habitat (trophy trout); native fishery habitat; scientific – biogeographic river capture; historic and cultural values.

The application seeks to protect those outstanding values by adding a prohibition on damming and diversion of the river and adding a condition on water takes so as not to breach a minimum river flow.

I support the whole application

My submission is that I support the proposed amendments to the order both to recognise those outstanding values mentioned above and to add a prohibition on damming and diversion of the river and conditions on minimum river flow.

The reasons for my submission:

The Nevis River is one of the best brown trout fisheries I have ever fished and I would like to see it further protected.

The landscape and scenery there are very special, with open spaces and tussock valleys. Parts of the river are reasonably easy to get to, but once on the river there is a feeling of isolation, while never being too far away from the safety of civilization.

The river below the Nevis crossing is one of the most challenging rivers one can fish and at the end of the day a deep feeling of satisfaction can be felt. The trout fishery, especially in the part of the river upstream of the Nevis Crossing is very special. The trout are very large, some of the biggest in New Zealand. The water there is very clean and clear and this makes the river very attractive. The trout are also quite hard to catch but when you get one you know you will have a beauty. I don't know of many rivers, especially in the lower South Island, where the trout are so big and I have fished in many hundreds of rivers in New Zealand and overseas.

It is a beautiful region, full of history and mystique. A dam would surely put an end to the wonderful feelings this spot creates and would also put an end to our yearly week long pilgrimage to the Nevis.

Free flowing rivers of the Nevis caliber are indeed very rare. The Nevis is a real jewel, so let's protect it for us and future generations!

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

To recognise those outstanding values of the Nevis River identified by Fish and Game in the Application.

To add a prohibition on damming and diversion of the river and to add minimum river flow conditions to protect the river.

I do not 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)

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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.

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