

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

To : Special Tribunal – Kawarau River Water Conservation Order
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Name of submitter: My full name is Richard Owen Boyd

This is my submission on the application from the New Zealand and the Otago Fish and Game Councils (the Application) for an amendment to the water conservation order for the Kawarau River which relates to its tributary, the Nevis River. The Application seeks amongst other things to recognise the Nevis River's outstanding wild and scenic features, its outstanding back country trophy trout fishery, trout spawning habitat, native fishery habitat and its other natural, 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 of the Application

My submission is: I support the proposed amendments to the Kawarau River conservation order both to recognise the many outstanding scenic, fishery and other values of the Nevis River mentioned above and to add a prohibition on damming and diversion of the Nevis River and to add conditions on minimum river flow.

The reasons for my submission:

I have regularly visited the Nevis River both to fly fish and to enjoy its outstanding landscapes since becoming a permanent resident of Wanaka in 1999. On trips to the Nevis for fly fishing, my fishing success in terms of the number of trout caught has been modest but the fish that I have caught have been mostly of trophy size and significantly larger on average than I have found in almost all other river systems in the district. The isolation of the Nevis with its stark and dry landscapes adds significantly to my enjoyment of fishing there and catching a fish is a bonus to the experience. I also visit the Nevis on separate occasions for the sole purpose of enjoying the landscape and visiting the many historical sites. When entering the Nevis over Duffer's Saddle the view of the Nevis valley below is simply astonishing in its starkness and nakedness and is unlike any other landscapes I have seen in the district.


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 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.



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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.

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