

To the Special Tribunal--- Kawarau River Water Conservation Order
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Wellington.

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This is a submission on an application from the N.Z 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 better recognize the Nevis River's outstanding values e.g.---Wild and scenic characteristics; back country trout fishery; natural characteristics, in particular outstanding landforms; trout spawning habitat; adult trout habitat (trophy trout); native fishery habitat; scientific- biogeography river capture; historic and culture 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 the water takes so as not to breach a minimum flow.

I support the whole application.

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

The reasons for my submission ---- I am a very keen back country trout fisherman and have tended to walk in to those fisheries which don't have road access. In the future I will have to make more use of road access as I am getting older (74)

. The Nevis is such a beautiful river which falls into this category and any damming or diversion of it would certainly spoil it. I always get a tremendous lift when I first see the Nevis catchments, with the Remarkables as a back drop, and the river winding up the valley, from the road in from Bannockburn. There is the added excitement of trophy trout too, which are seldom found else where.

The Nevis catchment is a special place for me and is unique as I know no other river with the same relative ease of access and wilderness quality situated at such an altitude. The high country runs and the mining relics don't compromise this experience for me. I fear that dams, lakes and diversions on the river certainly would.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal---To recognize 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

Thank you,

Chris Main.