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## 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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Name of submitter: My full name is Glen Thomas CALLANAN

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 – bio geographic 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 with due consideration to matters that are wider than the matters raised in the application.

### **Public Works Act Acquisition Process**

<http://www.linz.govt.nz/crown-property/public-works/guide/public-works-acquisition/index.aspx>

The Public Works Act provides the Crown with the statutory authority to acquire your land for a public work.

### **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 valley is of National, Regional and local significance to all New Zealanders and the wider communities. The remoteness of this valley remains of numerous stone buildings from the gold mining days offer a fascinating insight into the perseverance and ingenuity of the early pioneers. The relics include everything from the cemetery, settlement buildings, and the Ben Nevis station, within the extremes of the cold winters and dry summer months.

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While working for the former Vincent Country, we maintained the roads, culverts, and cemeteries within the valley floor, and we all felt it a privilege to be a part of the work group who maintained the area.

The Nevis River and Valley must be protected at all costs so as to allow present and future generations to enjoy and marvel at what once existed throughout the whole of the Southern region.

**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.

***And matters raised in this application.***

If the area is used to build a dam the Minister for the Environment should consider the following,

- Form a working group from landowners and interested groups.
- To grant funding for this group for travel, accommodation, and meals.
- To relocate all buildings to the Cromwell end of the valley.
- To supply solo power, water and rubbish bins, signage, public toilets, fencing for the relocated buildings.
- Remove ice rink, bowling and eighteen hole golf course to a new location.
- Give the Ben Nevis station and interested groups the business opportunities that may become available, before and after lake full.
- To make irrigation available for Horticulture / Viticulture developments.
- Complete new roads from Cromwell to Gaston around the lake edge.
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I do 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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Date 15<sup>th</sup> September 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.

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