
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 *Stephen Graham Couper*

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:

I have used the Nevis Valley for Fly Fishing over the last 15 years making regular trips to the area in that time. I consider it an outstanding natural fishery offering the experience I treasure so much with Fly Fishing – isolation, pristine water conditions, stunning alpine scenery and of course large, hard to catch, trout. A special combination of scenery and fishing makes this type of experience so difficult to find and one to preserve forever.

I have also used the area for filming and photography on a personal and professional level and consider the outstanding landscapes of the valley and river superb and should never be touched.

I have also enjoyed the historic buildings in the valley and consider them an important part of New Zealand's history and should be preserved.

This valley has a fabulous mix of outstanding natural landscapes and world class fly fishing which hold special significance to me and should be preserved forever.

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.

* If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

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

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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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