

**To :** Special Tribunal – Kawarau River Water Conservation Order  
c/- Alex Miller, Ministry for the Environment,  
PO Box 10362,  
Wellington 6143  
[alex.miller@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:alex.miller@mfe.govt.nz)

Name of submitter: My full name is David Arthur Browning

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

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 am a recreational person and love to trace the history of Central Otago and its links to the gold exploring era. I understand the area in question is rich in gold history and there still remain visible relics and reminders of a rich past history. These areas should be preserved at all costs as once they are destroyed there is no retrieving. This is a semi remote area but is still accessible to those that take the time and that should remain so.

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.

D A Browning  
19/09/2008

Signature of submitter

Address for service of  
submitter: 91 Moana Crescent, Sunshine, Dunedin

Telephone: 03 455 6364

Fax/email: browningjd@xtra.co.nz

Contact person: [*name  
and designation, if  
applicable*] Dave Browning