

Form 30

Submission on publicly notified application for water conservation order
or for revocation or amendment of water conservation order

Sections 205 and 216, Resource Management Act 1991

**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 **Michael Stephen Bednar**

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.

(this section describes the application in the same way it is described in the public notice)

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:

- 1. I will never forget my first visit to the Nevis River. In 1999 my wife and I took a drive to the Nevis to flyfish. Along the way we were enchanted by the landscape, the remote highcountry wilderness (we did not encounter anyone that day) and the pristine condition of the river and its surroundings. I hope that the river, its wildlife and its environs may continue to be unmolested and remain as a natural heritage for future generations.**
- 2. I have a framed photo in my house of the trophy sized trout that I caught (and released). The health and vigour of that Nevis Trout will always be with me and I hope that future generations will likewise have the privilege to fish, hike and enjoy the Nevis landscape as we did.**
- 3. In subsequent years we have returned to the Nevis, like visiting a dear friend who constantly restores our spirits, our joy and pleasure soars when roaming in this most stunning outdoor region. It is unimaginable to us the Nevis River could be ruined. We hope the powers that be can prevent any degradation of this exceptional treasure - The Nevis River.**

4. I support any action that deals with sensible electricity usage: how much energy would be saved if every alternate street light throughout New Zealand is turned off? Promote water collection devices and require new buildings to have these devices installed. Let's address and fix our unsustainable behaviour regarding water resources.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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Date: **24 September 2008**

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Note to submitter

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