

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 /Daniel Rees /

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:

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I'm quite distressed by the idea of a hydro dam in the Nevis valley. Being from the UK, I have only fished the Nevis river once, on my first visit to NZ last year. It was the first river I fished in your beautiful country and I was absolutely blown away by both the river and the surrounding scenery. Granted the fishing wasn't particularly 'hot' on that day but that didn't harm the experience of being in such a magical place. Since that day it's been a wish of mine to one day return to the Nevis, taking my girlfriend along who didn't accompany me on my first trip, to show her the outstanding natural beauty of the valley, and maybe have one of those days on the river that the Nevis is famous for.

In NZ you have something unbelievably special, please stop destroying it, when it's done it's too late and there's no going back.

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.

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

Date - 24/09/08

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

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