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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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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 did not visit New Zealand yet, so I never fished the Nevis before. I know of the Nevis through publications on the Internet, from fly fishing sites, Save the Nevis in specific. I intend to visit New Zealand and fish the Nevis, because I find it a place of enormous beauty! As I live in the industrialized part of the Western World I do not have any access to remote, wild fisheries. All I see when fishing in my neighbourhood is dams and dykes, cars, trucks, trains, cranes and planes, and certainly NO TROUT!!! I'd like to fish in a remote, mountainous area, with clean running rivers, for trophy trout, far away from industrialisation, where the horizon is uncluttered with windmills, skyscrapers, pipes throwing fumes into the air. A place like the Nevis River.

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.

