

To : Special Tribunal – Kawarau River Water Conservation Order
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Name of submitter: My full name is David Lennox McFarlane.....

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:

The Nevis is an outstanding high country valley, with important biodiversity, historic, landscape and recreational values. Damming the river, as is being mooted with a potential application by a power generating company, will severely damage these values and these adverse effects far outweigh the benefits gained.

Having visited the Nevis Valley several times, I am still constantly amazed by the landscapes, feeling of remoteness and rugged beauty. I am aware too of the importance of the area in terms of native plants and animals, including several native fish species.

The wider Clutha river system, has already paid a high price in terms of hydro-electric power generation in the last sixty years, with Lake Hawea raised, and the Roxburgh and Cromwell gorges flooded. All these hydro developments have had significant environmental effects. It is important that the Nevis River is spared from future hydro development, for the reasons I mention above.

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.

(* Delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case.)

Submitted by email, so signature not required.

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

25 September, 2008.....

Date

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

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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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