
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 *Kevin Peter McEntee*

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.

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 object strongly that Government owned energy generating companies and Regional Authorities are so short sighted to compromise for all time, such an iconic river as the Nevis, for the sake of some meagre power generation. There are so many ways of reducing energy consumption levels and a multitude of other energy generating methods and equitable pricing mechanisms (a la Germany), that together, don't impact and compromise our river resources in such a drastic short sighted manner. We need to be thinking inter-generationally about these issues and not on the myopic scale presented thus far by our SOEs and Regional Authorities. How the RMA can even consider the current application defies all logic, in my opinion. It should be strongly rejected.

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.

Kevin Peter McEntee

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

25 Sept 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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