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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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Name of submitter: My full name is Thomas Russell Brown McKendry

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 was a submitter in favour of the Kawarau Conservation Order as the then president of the N Z Federation of Freshwater Anglers (NZFFA). I had then never fished the Nevis itself but had received ample evidence from the membership of NZFFA of its special place in the hearts of very many New Zealanders and of visitors from all over the world.

I have since fished there once and may never have the chance to go again. However I more than ever believe that we have the responsibility to preserve the Nevis River from all avoidable risks such as those inherent in the proposal.

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.

Russell McKendry

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