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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.

I strongly oppose irrigated farming which has now been proven to be a long term disaster as in the United States. An unperturbed river landscape is of national and international importance and outweighs the money grabbing which is occurring under the dairy boom which will quickly turn into a bust. The damage of damming a river is irreparable. Decision makers should have a long term vision in the interest of the nation.

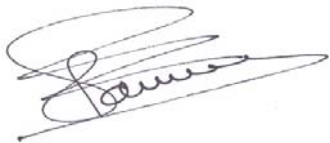
I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

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. (delete one)

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