

Form 30
Submission on publicly notified application for water conservation order
or for revocation or amendment of water conservation order

Sections 205 and 216, Resource Management Act 1991

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 – bio-geographic river capture; historic and cultural values.

[Briefly describe the application and the reasons for the application.]

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.

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

[Give details].

The Cultural and Historical Values of the Nevis Valley

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 is:

The Nevis Valley is a totally unique and pristine environment, and it has many historical and cultural features that have not yet been recognized. I believe that there is no other place quite as unique as the Nevis Valley, anywhere else in New Zealand. The Nevis Valley has an amazing natural landscape, and it is one of the only places left with so many historical miners' huts, dredge ponds and stacked stone tailings from the Gold Rush. I think that the Nevis Valley is well worth preserving for future generations to experience.

"With the remains of sluicings, dredge ponds and miners' stone huts all along the way, a journey through the Nevis Valley is like a step back in time to the old gold mining days."

- John Hall-Jones in "Goldfields of Otago -an illustrated history".

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.

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

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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.

The special tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.