

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 *Stephen David Arnold*

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 has an outstanding reputation as a trophy trout stream. I am of the strong opinion that too many valuable watercourses in NZ have been given away to benefit commercial interests. It is time that we make a stand and the Nevis is a superb example of South Island water that deserves to remain for perpetuity. It is a public river. Leave it for the public, fauna and flora; rather than extract the life out of it to line the pockets of private individuals who want to use public water for free. In these times of user pays, who pays for the destruction of a river? The Nevis needs protection.*

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.

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

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Date

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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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