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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 John Stanford Ayling

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:

My reasons in support of this application are as follows;

1. I am a recreational angler and have been so for the last 40 years. I have fished most of the fishable waters of NZ [noting that these are reducing in both quality and accessibility], Australia, Canada and Scotland. As part of my annual trip south to fish the southern waters I have regularly gone back to the Nevis. It is an iconic river which fulfils all of my expectations of the angling experience – solitude, the challenge of sighting and hooking trout and the spectacle of the wide landscape. It is quite unique and copares with nothing I have seen or experienced both here in NZ or overseas.
2. I would like my 3 grandsons to have the same angling and recreational opportunities as I have been fortunate to experience and for them to be the custodians of these experiences as I have tried to be.
3. An increasing frustration with the business model for energy sustainability which assumes that every trickle of water must first be dammed, before there is the realisation that none are left.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

To recognise and secure in perpetuity those outstanding values of the Nevis River identified by Fish and Game in the Application, by adding a prohibition on damming and diversion of the river and to add minimum river flow conditions to protect in perpetuity, the river in its present form.

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

John S Ayling
Signature of submitter

Date 26th September 2008

(A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.)

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A copy of my submission has been sent to the applicant.