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Dear Sir

This is a submission on the Kawarau Water Conservation Order.
This submission relates to the whole application by the NZ and Otago Fish and Game Councils.

I support the whole application for the following reasons:

I have fished and holidayed in the Nevis Valley for approximately twenty years staying in my campervan with my family. The Nevis river is an outstanding back country fishery and I have made friends with many overseas anglers who have made the trip to NZ to fish the Nevis as it is an internationally renowned trophy-fish water.

As a valley the area is accessible but still retains that wilderness quality. It is indeed a privilege to be able to walk up the valley going through each ripple to the next pool with always a chance of a trophy fish. The gorge below prevents difficult access to fishing which is a great advantage as it allows true wilderness fishing to those who are prepared to make the effort. I have spent much time watching NZ falcons dashing along the gorge chasing skylarks and other small birds.

I find it hard to believe that an area rich in historical value may be flooded. Many gold mining sites are easily observed and obviously these will eventually be studied to add to the gold mining history of central Otago.

NZ is famous for its natural beauty and much wealth is gained from tourism. We must protect our unspoilt areas and not continue to destroy in the name of development and progress. Progress should not involve the destruction of an outstanding natural resource. Before the Nevis Valley is considered as a dam we should seek to develop efficient electricity use.

I wish to see that the conservation order be awarded as proposed

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

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