

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 *Jeremy Leonard Coombes*

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.



8lb Nevis Trophy about to be released Feb 2007

The reasons for my submission:

I feel the Nevis River valley is a unique and amazing landscape, full of historical mining ruins and wildlife.

The Nevis river itself is of great scenic value as a trophy brown trout fishery and important trout spawning area. I fish there often during the summer months and rate it extremely highly for its large and cunning trout, the scenic flats and spectacular gorges and its overall highcountry solitude and grandeur.

In fact I often drive people through the valley as an awesome day trip far from the crowded tourist traps and many rate it as the highlight of their visit!

It is imperative that it remains in its relatively unspoilt natural state, this country is full of examples where a national resource for all was spoilt by damming free flowing rivers. Once lost these rivers are irreplaceable!!!

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)*

Jeremy Leonard Coombes.....

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

26/9/2008

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.

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