

Special Tribunal – Kawarau River Water Conservation Order  
c/- Alex Miller, Minister for the Environment,  
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Dear Minister,

My name is Murray James Ogilvie.

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 recognize the Nevis Rivers 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 recognize 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:

I have fished this stunning river for over a decade and I am still amazed at its beauty on every trip into the valley. Myself and friends have enjoyed some wonderful fishing and having the chance to capture a Trophy Trout. This valley is pure back country and a wonderful experience. The history alone is important as it shows what the early settlers endured in their search for gold and the remains of their stone buildings have to be saved for generations of New Zealanders and the overseas tourist. The scenic valleys and gorges are to be seen nowhere else other than this part of the Otago and it is important that the river remains in its natural state. We cannot lose natural beauty like this and a fantastic fishery.

I seek the following decision from the special tribunal:

To recognize 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.

Yours Sincerely

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