

To : Special Tribunal – Kawarau River Water Conservation Order
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Name of submitter: Michael John Veters

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:

I Have been into the Nevis fiver only 5 times in the past 8 years. This river and valley are different to most other rivers in Otago and Southland ,This river and its harsh environment is a challenge to all who fish, even the most experienced angler will find this river a tough but very rewarding river to fish, I have only caught a handful of fish with the smallest being 7lb to the biggest 10lb 6oz. Any damming or change to this river will have an irreversible affect on this unique environment one in which it will destroy this trophy trout fishery forever. I have a 9 month son and would like nothing more in the future to take him into this valley when he is old enough to fly fish but if this river is dammed then it will be lost to him before he even gets a chance to visit it

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 wish to be heard in support of my submission if I'm am available to do so at the time of the submissions .

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

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Date 27-09-08

(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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