

011

RECEIVED

31 OCT 2006

Submission on Water Conservation Order - Oreti River MFE (Form Island Office 30)

Section 205, Resource Management Act 1991

1. In completing your submission include:
- whether you support or oppose the Order; and the reasons for your views
 - If you support the Order, but prefer to preserve a different but related water body in the same catchment, state this and your reasons
 - If you support the Order, but prefer to preserve different features and qualities of the water body, state this and your reasons.

In giving reasons for these preferences, you must refer, if practicable, to the matters set out in sections 199, 200 and 207 of the Resource Management Act 1991. You must also describe the provisions that you think should be included in the Order and the effects that those provisions would have on the water body.

2. If you oppose the Order, you must give reasons why you consider that the Order is not justified in terms of sections 199 and 207 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The Special Tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.
4. You must send a copy of your submission to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the Special Tribunal.

Submissions must be received by the Special Tribunal at its address stated below by 5pm on Wednesday 15th November 2006.

Submission: To the Special Tribunal, Oreti River Water Conservation Order

SUBMITTER'S DETAILS	
Full name: Richard A. Mayes	
Postal Address P.O. Box 138, Wanaka, 9343	
Work phone:	Home phone: (03) 443 1243
Work fax:	Home fax: same
Mobile: (021) 582 793	Email address: mayes.rick@pbworld.com

SUBMISSION DETAILS (use additional pages if required)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I/We support the application	<input type="checkbox"/> I/we oppose the application
1. * The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:	
The entire application as submitted	
2. * My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2):	
<p>I support his application to protect the quality and amenity of the Oreti River because I believe this river is unique and represents important environmental aspects that deserve protection and preservation. I acknowledge that economic development is important to New Zealand; but we have sacrificed a number of rivers and groundwater regimes already in the name of economic progress. The Oreti River, particularly the upper reaches, presents an accessible pristine environment that warrants protection for future generation to experience and appreciate.</p> <p>The trout fishery and angling experience presently offered by the Oreti River are almost unique in New Zealand and, based on my personal experience, equal the best anywhere in the world. The Oreti River offers an exceptional opportunity to fish for large trout in a crystal clear river, surrounded by beautiful, often spectacular, scenery. The existing moderate variations in the river's flow, and lack of agricultural pollution, create a favourable habitat for both trout and native fishes; it is important that this regime be maintained.</p>	



The request to prohibit damming of the river is important to ensure migratory passage of fish between the lower and upper reaches of the river. The proposed limitations on water takes in the upper reaches, supporting tributaries, and connected groundwater systems is important to ensure adequate flows to maintain the current high-quality of the river.

The Oreti River represents a special environment that deserves protection.

3. *I/we seek the following decision from the special tribunal
(give precise details, including the general nature of any changes sought to the Order)

I request that the tribunal to grant the order in its entirety as requested by the Applicants.

Tick if applicable

I/We want to be heard in support of this submission

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of submitter

Date: 29 October 2006

*Use additional pages if required

Return by 15 November to:

The Special Tribunal
Councils
Oreti River Water Conservation Order
Ministry for the Environment
Te Waipounamu House
Level 7, 158 Hereford Street
PO Box 1345
Christchurch

And as soon as practicable to:

NZ and Southland Fish & Game

C/- Anderson Lloyd Caudwell
Otago House
10th Floor
Moray Place/Princes Street corner
Private Bag 1959
Dunedin

Summary of application

The applicant seeks protection of:

- the main stem of the Oreti River upstream of Mossburn
- Weydon Burn, Windley River and all other tributaries upstream of Lincoln Hill
- Groundwater connected to the surface water of the river from Mossburn upstream to the headwaters

In recognition of the following outstanding features and characteristics

- Natural state, wild and scenic
- Fishery and angling amenity
- Habitat for trout and wildlife
- Value in accordance with tikanga Maori,

The outstanding features and characteristics are to be protected by prohibiting damming; restricting the taking of surface water and groundwater, restricting alteration of river flow, form or water quality; and the maintenance of fish passage.

The applicant also seeks protection of the main stem of the Oreti between Mossburn and the bridge at Wallacetown, for:

- Its necessary contribution to the outstanding angling and fishery values upstream.
- This necessary contribution is to be protected in this stretch by a prohibition on damming, which will enable fish passage to be maintained.

The application is supplemented by further information provided to the Minister in July and August 2005.