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

Section 205, Resource Management Act 1991

- 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.

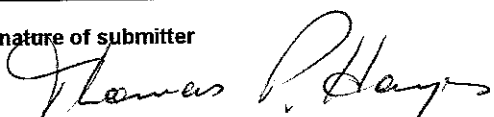
- If you oppose the Order, you must give reasons why you consider that the Order is not justified in terms of sections 199 and 207 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
- The Special Tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.
- You must send a copy of your submission to 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

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

SUBMITTER'S DETAILS	
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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 whole application	
2. * My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2)	
I support the application because the Oreti river is one of the best brown trout fisheries I have ever fished and I would like to see it protected by a conservation order. The trout fishery, especially in the part of the river upstream of Mossburn is very special. The landscape and scenery there are exceptional with open spaces and tussock valleys with a fringe of beech forest. The river is easy to get to but is also on the edge of the wilderness and once you are on the river there is a wonderful feeling of isolation there. The trout are large and are quite hard to catch. I have fished in several rivers in New Zealand and many in Australia. The water in the Oreti is pristine. I know that some of the trout are sea run fish so it is important to keep the main river free of dams that would stop these fish migrating up from the lower reaches.	

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 want the tribunal to grant the order in the form it has been applied for.	
<b>Tick if applicable</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I/we want to be heard in support of this submission	<input type="checkbox"/> If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.
<b>Signature of submitter</b> 	<b>Date:</b> 27.10.06

\*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  
 10<sup>th</sup> 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.