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Submission on Water Conservation Order - Oreti River (Form 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.

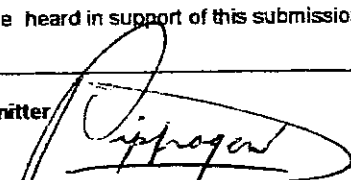
2. If you oppose the Order, you must give reasons why you consider that the Order is not justified in terms of sections 199 and 207 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The Special Tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.
4. You must send a copy of your submission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

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SUBMISSION DETAILS (use additional pages if required)	
<input 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):	
<p>Of all the rivers I have fished in New Zealand, the Oreti is far and away the best river. I first fished the Oreti in 1996, and since then have been back to New Zealand six times. No trip to the South Island would be complete without spending several days on the river. The Oreti is everything an angler could ask for: it is scenically one of the most beautiful rivers in the world, its waters are almost always crystal clear, and the fish, on average, are the largest I have come across anywhere in the country. Why is it that man always seems to know better and wants to dam everything that is free-flowing? New Zealanders need to look at what the Americans have done to their rivers - the Yellowstone is the only remaining major free-flowing waterway in the USA. Leave the environment alone; once a dam is built across a river it's there forever. Leave the Oreti alone. If water is needed for irrigation or agricultural use, pump it from Lake Te Anau or Manapouri. It might cost more but why devastate the best stream in the South Island for the selfish use of the vast minority. I'm dead against any dam or water extraction from the Oreti or any other New Zealand waterway. Whoever created this planet didn't intend for mankind to screw it up like he has already done. Leave the Oreti alone!</p>	

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.	
Tick if applicable <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.
Signature of submitter 	Date: 31 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.

