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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

SUBMITTER'S DETAILS
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SUBMISSION DETAILS (use additional pages if required)
[X] I/We support the application [ ] I/we oppose the application
1. \* The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:
All
2. \* My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2):
The Oreti river is a resource for present and future generations. It needs to be managed carefully as well as preserved and conserved. The NZ economy is dominated by farming interests that place in some instances unfair demands on our environment. At this time our country has a very big reliance on farming however this may not always be the case. Increasingly Tourism is taking centre stage. The loss or degradation of our rivers will take away any opportunities for alternative economic activities into the future.
In our increasingly demanding society stress and pressure are placed on individuals in our daily lives. One way of recharging batteries and reducing stress is to spend time in a different environment. What better place for some to do this than in our great outdoors.
I have witnessed the demise of Rivers in Canterbury with unsustainable taking of water for irrigation. Some Rivers are now completely dry during the summer months. This conservation order will ensure that this does not happen to the Oreti.



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| <p>3. * I/we seek the following decision from the special tribunal<br/>(give precise details, including the general nature of any changes sought to the Order)</p> |  |
| <p>Please do not bow to the greedy interests of a few who want to have the resources of the nation. (Water) for their own profits.</p>                             |  |
| <p>Tick if applicable</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> I/we want to be heard in support of this submission</p>  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.</p> |
| <p>Signature of submitter</p>  | <p>Date:</p>   |

\*Use additional pages if required

**Return by 15 November to:**

The Special Tribunal  
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 Councils  
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.

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



Ministry for the  
**Environment**  
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