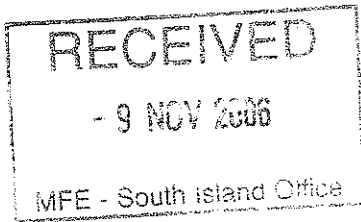


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The Special Tribunal
Councils
Oreti River Water Conservation Order
Ministry for the Environment
Te Waipounamu House
Level 7, 158 Hereford Street
PO Box 1345
Christchurch
New Zealand

RE: Oreti River Water Conservation Order

I support the application to conserve the Oreti River as I feel it is a very important natural resource of the New Zealand people that must be protected for future generations.

During the past 20 years, I have visited New Zealand annually, including both islands, in my quest of surface feeding trout. However, I return to the South Island almost exclusively now as I look forward to several days each year on my favorite river, the Oreti. I find the natural beauty of the pure free flowing stream with the adjacent landscape very attractive. This will become even more important in the future for your residents and those of us who travel half way around the planet to enjoy the area.

My memories of the evening caddis hatches with raising trout and my fishing friend racing downstream after a bright salmon are some of the reasons I look forward to returning to the Oreti.

I urge the tribunal to grant the order as it has been offered.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eugene Decker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.