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The Wildfowlers Assn. of N.Z. (Inc.)
P.O. Box 965
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The Special Tribunal,
Oreti River Conservation Order.
Ministry for the Environment
P.O. Box 1345
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Formal Submission on the Application for Water Conservation Order to be applied to the Oreti River and tributaries.

This submission Supports the application which is made by the Board of The Wildfowlers Association of N.Z. (Inc.) on behalf of its N.Z. wide members.

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The Association will be Unable to Attend Hearing but would wish to be kept informed.

The Wildfowlers Association acts on behalf of shotgun hunters throughout N.Z. Many of our members are also freshwater fishermen. We have witnessed the deterioration of water quality and pollution of N.Z.'s natural river systems both in the North and South Islands. Water usage by dairy farming, irrigation abstraction, hydro electric schemes and grey wastes from industrial and human settlement has proven to be deleterious to fresh water quality vitally important to both indigenous and introduced species. Such usage threatens our Public heritage.

We believe that no further N.Z. rivers should be artificially modified in whatever form due to well known effects that follow such Resource Consents.

We are acquainted with the Oreti River and the threats to its quality.

We therefore strongly support the Application and request the Special Tribunal to grant the Conservation Order in its entirety.

Yours faithfully.

Dr. M.L. Hucks Q.S.M.

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The Wildfowlers Association of N.Z. (Inc.)

cc. N.Z. Fish and Game Councils Dunedin.