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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> I/we oppose the application
1. The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:	
2. My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2)	

<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)</p>	
Empty space for the decision details	
<p>Tick if applicable</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I/We want to be heard in support of this submission</p>	<p><input checked="" 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: 9/11/06</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
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.

My Submission as follows :

- Firstly Fish and Game said that they had been through a full consultation with everyone that would be affected by a conservation order, but when I rang around the farmers that boundry the river, No one had been told, or notified and especially Robert Butson who farms all the top end of the Oreti and all tributaries.

- With the water conservation order there seems to be no Science to whether ground water is attached to the Oreti or not, at least with Regional Council they have Science and knowledge to back up their facts.

Not only as a farmer but as a recreational user of the River I don't know where I stand as to the Conservation order because of all the Grey Areas, where with the R.M.A. had seen to be adopted water management plan I do know. A lot of time and money and full consultation with everyone has gone into the water management plan which when up and running will stop any pollutants or other such problems and keep the river in the state it is now.

One very large problem with the Oreti river is now Didimo. The most likely way this Alge got into the river is through fisherman and their gear.

I don't have a problem with fisherman in general, but now it is here and someone finds out a way of getting rid of it. then I wouldn't want a conservation order that didn't have provisions in

place to allow Eradication of this problem
nor do I think anyone has that right.

Environment Scotland has staff that always
stay up to date with new chemicals and
ways of keeping our rivers clean and green.

I am very disappointed with the
information provided in this Conservation
order I find it very confusing with
many points with double meanings and
un-clear much more consultation is
needed before this out dated Conservation
order can go through.

Yours Sincerely
Andrew Morris