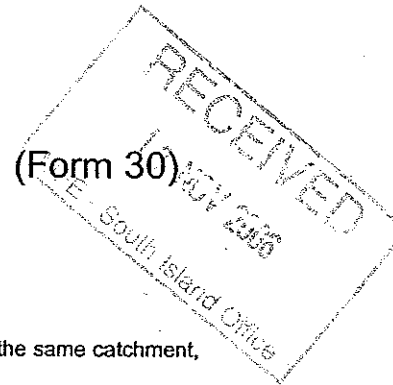


Submission on Water Conservation Order - Oreti River

(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.

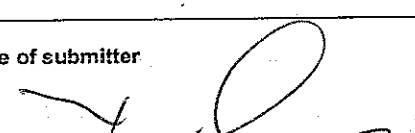
2. If you oppose the Order, you must give reasons why you consider that the Order is not justified in terms of sections 199 and 207 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
3. The Special Tribunal may require you to provide further information on your submission.
4. You must send a copy of your submission 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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:	
Encl.	
2. My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2):	
Encl.	

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)	
Encl.	
<b>Tick if applicable</b> <input type="checkbox"/> I/we want to be heard in support of this submission	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.
Signature of submitter 	Date: 9-11-06

\*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  
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 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.

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The specific parts of the application that our submission relates to are; we are against the proposed Conservation Order on the Oreti River, Weydon Burn, Windley River and all other tributaries. In our opinion there is nothing to be gained from this decision so we therefore oppose all aspects of the proposed Conservation Order.

Our Submission is:

Why do fish and game feel the need to proceed with this order when we already have a very able body in Environment Southland already administering our waterways in Southland? Environment Southland have also done a lot of planning regarding their water plan and we feel that this along with consultation with associated bodies is all that is needed. Having read the proposed Conservation Order as a farmer and a user of the Oreti River we are of the belief that Fish and Game will have the final say on any activity that our family and future generations wish to do in and around our waterways. We do not believe that only one body (Fish and Game) should have total control and or authority.

On a personal level we have a real concern that the Weydon Burn has been added to this proposed Conservation Order. The Weydon Burn travels 6 kilometres through the middle of our farm before it enters the Oreti River and we are the only private farm it effects. With land use changing all the time we believe that the proposed Conservation Order will greatly devalue our property. There seems to be no mention in the proposed Conservation Order of compensation for any losses occurring due to restrictions being placed by Fish and Game.

We seek the following decision from the Special Tribunal:

That Environment Southland along with other associated groups involved in the control of our waterways, including Fish and Game keep the status quo and continue to administer the water plan as they have already been doing more than satisfactorily.



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