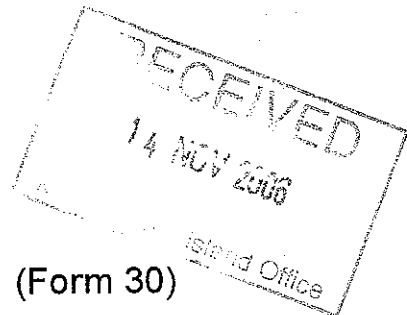


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Submission on Water Conservation Order - Oreti River (Form 30)

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> I/We support the application	<input type="checkbox"/> I/we oppose the application
1. * The specific parts of the application that my/our submission relates to are:	
1. Protect 95% of the river's flows 2. Protect the river & its spawning tributaries from dams 3. keep the river from being polluted from dairy effluent, excessive gravel abstraction, or cattle or sheep stepping in its spawning beds.	
2. * My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2):	
4. The one change in the application I support is a total ban on dams for the entire river. Fish ladders don't work well.	


And hydroelectric power, IS NOT RENEWABLE if you have to destroy wild rivers for it. How many more rivers have to be sacrificed to make this point?



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)

As an outdoor winter + fishing guide who has lived here for 13 years, I feel my experience has bearing on the application. Compared to the world's best trout streams I've seen first hand, the Oreti is outstanding. Its big, wild fish, near pristine state in its upper reaches, & absence of dams are what make it great. Draw off the spring inflows allow the water quality to be degraded from industrial (damaging or prevent the brown trout's access to sea, & you'll lose (cover))

Tick if applicable <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.
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Signature of submitter 	Date: 13/11/00
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*Use additional pages if required
 Return by 15 November to:

And as soon as practicable to:

The Special Tribunal
 Oreti River Water Conservation Order
 Ministry for the Environment
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 PO Box 1345
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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.

(Continued from other side)

One of the world's unique trophy brown trout fisheries. Consider the economic value other regional governments have placed on their own trophy fisheries. British Columbia's steelhead & salmon sports fisheries have been estimated to bring in hundreds of millions of dollars to their local economies. Southland's & New Zealand's sports fisheries may not be as developed ~~yet~~ yet, but in the long run they'll have a similar worth.

Also consider how rare wild anadromous fisheries are in the world. The U.S. government allowed the Columbia's steelhead & salmon runs to be reduced to less than 3 percent of their historic levels & are now spending billions of dollars trying to recover them.

The story in Europe is similar. Wild trout & salmon fisheries have been systematically wiped out by dams, forestry, mining, over grazing & industrial pollution. It's not too late for New Zealand to avoid a similar fate.

The Oreti conservation Order's significance extends beyond parochial concerns. The Oreti is an iconic fishery & is one of the truly great national gems that make ecotourism the single biggest earner of foreign currency.

Cheel surveys reveal 60% of the Oreti's users are international anglers, most from North America or Australia. Yet no attempt has been made to inform this key stakeholder group. This is a clear violation of the spirit of the Resource Management Act, if not an actual violation of law. For this reason I believe the Tribunal should extend the date on submission until the water conservation application is advertised in international angling publications.