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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 6pm on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2006**.

**Submission: To the Special Tribunal, Oreti River Water Conservation Order**

SUBMITTER'S DETAILS	
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**SUBMISSION DETAILS (use additional pages if required)**

<b>Yes</b> I/We support the application	
1.	
<p>To Special Tribunal                  Oreti River Water Conservation Order                  Ministry For Environment                  P O Box 1345                  CHRISTCHURCH</p> <p>The 'New Zealand Federation of Freshwater Anglers (Inc)' SUPPORTs the proposed water conservation order for the following reasons:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* That the Oreti River is one of New Zealand's premier brown trout fisheries and along with the neighbouring Mataura River, has world wide renown in trout fishing circles.</li> <li>* That the wilderness section has long been regarded as a trophy trout fishery.</li> <li>* That the river because of its ease of access - even in the upper reaches</li> </ul> <p>- has enhanced angler importance as a result.</p>	



- \* That the upper reaches' fishing are also enhanced by attractive scenery.
- \* That the functioning of the trout fishery is along its whole length, i.e. from estuary to wilderness as sea run browns - often the trophy fish - will ascend the river to the upper reaches. Damming would interfere restrict or obstruct, trout migration.
- \* That it is vital that such quality rivers of importance to the trout fishing public - and the tourism sector with international visitors fishing it - be protected from damming in any form and controlling the "take" of water for commercial purposes.
- \* That we prefer that the river is retained in its pure unmodified state with very minimal allowance for any 'out of river use of water'.

Ian Rodger  
President

2.

We would like to reserve the right to speak in detail to these points.

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)

We request that the special tribunal finds in favour of the Conservation Order on the Oreti River.

Tick if applicable <input type="checkbox"/> YES We want to be heard in support of this submission	<input type="checkbox"/> If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.
	Date:



Signature of submitter	
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\*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  
 10<sup>th</sup> 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.