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Submission on Water Conservation Order - Oreti River

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

| SUBMITTER'S DETAILS         |   |
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| SUBMISSION DETAILS (use additional pages if required)                           |   |
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| <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: |   |
| <i>see additional page:</i>   |   |
| 2. My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2):                                    |   |
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Ministry for the Environment  
Heiaki Ma Te Taiao

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)

[Empty box for decision details]

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| <b>Tick if applicable</b><br><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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| <b>Signature of submitter</b><br> | <b>Date:</b> 7/11/06 |
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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.

The Special Tribunal,  
Oreti River Water Conservation Order.

As a landowner, sheep farmer, I fully appreciate the wonderful countryside in which we live and care for every day. I believe we continually need the ability to do minimal maintenance to the fencing; broom and gorse control and repair work to river control areas when needed. Environment Southland resource consent is applied for and considered by experienced people looking at the situation from all angles. I would not like to see single agenda, harsh, restricting management imposed on the area. The many hundred's of tourist's and travellers who pass through this part of the country, need to see it as it is at the moment, managed and tidy, yet is still and always should be, natural and scenic. I feel the Environment Southland who have ample expertise and experience, have put the time and money into developing a Water Management plan which should look after all user's and the environment without being "locked in" as a conservation order may do, but remain a management plan which is flexible to some degree and can be changed or altered if the need arises. In the future the possible need for irrigation [because of global warming, maybe!!] a consent should be able to be applied for and evaluated at the time. A question I have is; if a conservation order was in place, would we be able to, among other things, control Didemo, in the event that a solution or rectifier was found? I wish to oppose; any conservation order in the area north of Mossburn.

Yours Sincerely,

*K. E. Christo*

