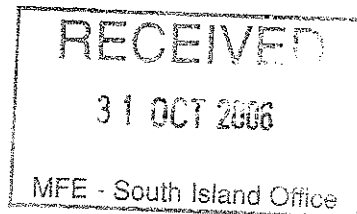


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Submission on Water Conservation Order - Oreti River (Form 30)

Section 205, Resource Management Act 1991

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

SUBMITTER'S DETAILS	
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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:	
The entire application	
2. * My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2):	
<p>1. The Waimate Rod and Gun Club Incorporated (WRGC) comprises __ active members, many of which have fished and will continue to fish the Oreti River. Due to the diminishing fisheries nearby to Waimate, members have to travel further to experience a high quality fishery, such as the Oreti. Members value this river highly as a trout fishery of high quality that is reliable and of high scenic amenity. The water quality of the river contributes to these values.</p> <p>2. The WRGC previously submitted on the Rangitata Water Conservation Order, which was approved, to the general satisfaction of the club. We consider that the values of the Rangitata River protected by the Water Conservation Order are similar to those of the Oreti that are sought to be protected by this proposed Water Conservation Order. It is therefore requested that these values be protected in much the same way, i.e. by way of a Water Conservation Order.</p> <p>3. The WRGC also notes that the Proposed Freshwater Plan for Southland affords some protection to the Oreti River, but that this will not always be able to protect those values that the Water Conservation Order seeks to protect. Furthermore, the current state of the Proposed Freshwater Plan for Southland is such that issues associated with water quantity and water quality are yet to be resolved given the stage at which Variations 3 and 4 are at. This leaves the Proposed Freshwater Plan for Southland open to challenge by way of appeal as well as any future plan variations or changes. We therefore support a level of protection, such as that proposed by this Water Conservation Order, that will provide certainty for the Oreti River and avoid the potential for pressure to be placed on it from other competing demands. We have witnessed many South Canterbury and North Otago Rivers become degraded because of the pressure placed on them for water abstraction and from pollution and would not wish to see the Oreti fall into this same scenario.</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)	
That the Water Conservation Order on the Oreti River, as proposed by the New Zealand Fish and Game Council and Southland Fish and Game Council be approved.	



Ministry for the
Environment
Mānāwha Te Taiao

Tick if applicable	
<input type="checkbox"/> I/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.
Signature of submitter <i>A. Deane</i>	Date: 30.10.06

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