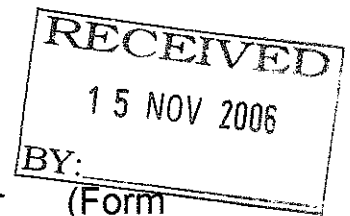


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Submission on Water Conservation Order - Oreti River (Form 30)

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 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 whole application	
2. * My/our submission is (see notes 1 and 2):	
<p>I am writing to support the application for the protection order on the Oreti, because this river the Oreti is one of the best brown trout fisheries in Southland and perhaps all of the South Island, it is the best one I have fished and fish it regularly particularly the middle/upper reaches including the trophy zone, I would like to see it protected by a conservation order.</p> <p>The area up stream of Lumsden is very special, and upstream of Mossburn the scenery is splendid, very quickly taking you into areas that suggest remoteness and tranquility, a value often hard to find close to urban areas.</p> <p>I spend the majority of my time fishing but also include photography on each trip, it would be a very big loss if we lost those open spaces, with natural tussock areas and then the areas of beech forest that in places comes down to meet the river. This scenery is too special to spoil.</p> <p>The river is easy to get to but is also on the edge of the wilderness and once you are on the river there is a feeling of isolation there. The trout are very large, some of the biggest in New Zealand. They are also quite hard to catch but when you get one you know you will have a beauty.</p> <p>This area also contains 10-20% of the world population of black billed Gulls; 5-10% of black fronted terns, both of these are threatened species.</p>	

This area also attracts good numbers of overseas fishermen and tourists.

I don't know of any other river where the trout are so big and so fat and I have fished in many rivers in the bottom half of the South Island.

The water there is very clean and clear and this makes the trout hard to catch but it also makes the river very attractive. I know that some of the trout are sea run fish so it is important to keep the main river free of dams that would stop these fish migrating up from the lower reaches.

Our trout go up to these head waters to breed, so I would like to see this area un-spoilt and the passage for fish travel un-inhibited. Damming of this pristine area should not be allowed.

Water takes should be limited to ensure sufficient water is left in the river for our future heritage, for fish stocks, to be able to replenish the aquifers and maintain sufficient water flow to ensure water used for drinking and household/business purposes is retained in good quality, quality of water is fast becoming a big issue, and are our issues for the future.

Ground waters are connected to the river, and this needs to be protected to ensure overuse from draw-off by irrigation does not adversely affect the river water, both in sustainable flows and the quality for downstream users.

I seek a protection order to protect the natural, wild and scenic characteristics of the Oreti river, upstream of Mossburn, together with the cultural, fisheries, recreational and spiritual values, and to ensure that there is free passage for the fish throughout the main stem of the river.

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)

I want the tribunal to grant the order in the form it has been applied for.

Tick if applicable

I/we want to be heard in support of this submission

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature of submitter



Date: 12/11/2006

*Use additional pages if required

Return by 15 November to:

The Special Tribunal
Councils
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
C/- Anderson Lloyd Caudwell
Otago House
10th 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.