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Help the Hurunui! Your voice counts!

Make a short submission in support of a Water Conservation Order for the Hurunui River by December 15th 2008

The NZ Recreational Canoeing Association and Fish and Game have jointly applied to the Ministry for the Environment for a **Water Conservation Order** on the Upper Hurunui River to protect the river and keep it in its natural state. A water conservation order would prevent dams and maintain healthy flows on the parts of the river which are covered by the order.

Forest & Bird is also seeking that the Mandamus tributary and the lower Hurunui River be added to the Water Conservation Order to protect native fish and birdlife, especially black-fronted terns and black-billed gulls. Developers have already stated their intention to dam Lake Sumner and the South Branch of the Hurunui. A successful conservation order would pre-empt these proposals and save the river.

If you love the Hurunui we urge you to make a submission in support. A form which can be used is attached. **Submissions must be lodged on or before 15 December 2008.**

A copy of the application is on the Ministry for the Environment website, <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/water/freshwater/water-conservation/hurunui-river/index.html>

There is an electronic copy of the submission on the website if you'd prefer to use that.

In your submission, please state:

- Your experiences of the Hurunui River and/or its lakes and tributaries.
- Why you think is important to protect the Hurunui River and its lakes and tributaries.
- What you want the Tribunal to do – to approve the water conservation order.

- Tell them you wish to speak to your submission at the hearing.

A hearing into the application will be held in early 2009. It is really important that you speak at that if at all possible – personal stories are just as powerful as scientific evidence. Photocopy your submission and **send the original to:**

Special Tribunal - Hurunui River Water Conservation Order
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Wellington 6143

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