

Public Notice of Application for a water conservation order on the Ngaruroro and Clive rivers

Sections 204 and 216, Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)



The Minister for the Environment has received an application from the New Zealand Fish and Game Council, the Hawke's Bay Fish and Game Council, Ngāti Hori ki Kohupatiki, Whitewater New Zealand, Jet Boating New Zealand, and the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand (the applicants), for a water conservation order for the Ngaruroro and Clive rivers.

The application concerns the entire length of the Ngaruroro River, the tributaries and hydraulically connected groundwater to the Lower Ngaruroro River, and the 7km long Clive River.

The outstanding values identified are: (a) significance in accordance with tikanga Māori; (b) cultural and spiritual purposes; (c) habitat for rainbow trout; (d) rainbow trout fishery; (e) angling, amenity and recreation; (f) habitat for avifauna; (g) habitat for native fish; (h) whitewater kayaking and rafting amenity and recreation; (i) jetboating amenity and recreation; (j) wild, scenic and natural characteristics; and (k) scientific and ecological values. The applicants seek protection of these values through a number of conditions contained in a draft order appended to the application.

The Minister for the Environment has appointed a Special Tribunal to hear and report on the application. The Special Tribunal may consider matters wider than the matters raised in the application.

The application and any relevant information held by the Special Tribunal may be inspected at the Napier Public Library (Station Street); Hastings Public Library (corner of Eastbourne Street East and Warren Street South); Waipukurau Public Library (Kitchener Street); Waipawa Public Library (64 High Street); or the Environmental Protection Authority (Level 10, 215 Lambton Quay, Wellington). Please contact the EPA on 0800 777 501 or email WCO.Ngaruroro@epa.govt.nz if you have any questions about the application.

Any person may make a submission on the application. You may do so by sending a written submission¹ to the Special Tribunal at the Environmental Protection Authority, Private Bag 63002, Wellington 6140 or making an electronic submission at www.epa.govt.nz/wcsubmit. Copies of the submission form are available to download from the EPA website www.epa.govt.nz/ngaruroro or call 0800 777 501 to request a hard copy by post.

If you support the order but you prefer to preserve a different but related water body in the same catchment or if you prefer to preserve different features and qualities of the water body, your submission must state your preference and give reasons for your preferences. In giving reasons, you must refer, if practicable, to the matters set out in **sections 199, 200, and 207** of the RMA. 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.

Submissions close at **4pm on the 24th of August 2017**.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicants, whose address for service is Maree Baker-Galloway, Anderson Lloyd, PO Box 201, Queenstown 9348 or email maree.baker-galloway@al.nz as soon as reasonably practicable after serving your submission on the Special Tribunal.

Richard Fowler

On behalf of the Special Tribunal, 25 July 2017.

¹ Submission forms must be in accordance with **Form 30** (Resource Management (Forms, Fees, and Procedure) Regulations 2003).