

MfE Listed Projects Team

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Hi Team,

The person making the application is myself who is representing a large group of locals who would like to progress 20 years of work done by the Hurunui Water Project. We have named the project the Lake Sumner Sourced Water Project for the purpose of the Fast Trac Consent Application.

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The Hurunui Water Project and the Lake Sumner discharge control are tied in together. Our Aim is to revisit the proposal to build a Weir on Lake Sumner to maintain water in the Lake at its naturally occurring high level mark and regulate discharge over summer months, (As described in attachment managed Lake Sumner) so as to:

1. Increase the Minimum flow in the Hurunui River over the summer to enhance river Health.
2. Increase the Minimum flow for recreational users. (Canoeist, Fisherman)
3. Provide more reliable water for Urban use in North Canterbury townships which are experiencing considerable population growth. Amberley is the largest population centre and desperately requires more reliable water.
4. Drought proofing a large agricultural region (56000Ha) and provide diversification opportunities for farmers for long term sustainability and economic growth for North Canterbury and ultimately New Zealand
5. Renewable Hydro power generation.

Consents have been granted for Water Take, Water use, Land use change and Nutrients.

No Consent is in place for the building of the Weir currently.

A full engineering report has been carried out on the Construction of the Weir 20 years ago and the information is with the family of the Late Dougal Norie. I am currently seeking this information and once obtained I can forward it through to this email.

The Landowners affected would be the Department of Conservation and the owners of Lake Sumner Station. Over the years of discussion, the owners of Lake Sumner Station have been very supportive.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you require any further information, a dedicated group is putting this all together on a purely voluntary basis but will do what ever we can to get the relevant information that you require.

Regards

Richard Sidey