

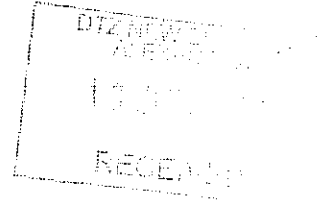
Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: Carrickmore (PO 306)
The Homestead (PO 125)
Patearoa Syndicate (PO 142)
Waipiata Syndicate (PO 214)
The Beeches 1 (PO 175)
Riverslea (PO 178)

Fish & Game Report

As part of the process of Tenure Review Fish & Game councils may provide advice on significant inherent values within the pastoral lease, and the information may be incorporated in the Conservation Resources Report. The advice is part of the information gathered and assessed for the development of a preliminary consultation document.

The report attached is released under the Official Information Act 1982.



Fish and Game Resources Report for the Rock and Pillar Crown Pastoral Leases (Waipiata Six-Pack)

Prepared by the
Otago Fish and Game Council

Section One – Introduction

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the sports fish and game values present on the land included in the 'Waipiata Six-Pack'. These leases are being considered for land tenure review and disposal under the provisions of the Crown Pastoral Land Act. As well as habitat values the report covers angling and hunting values and any associated access issues.

1.2 Location

The Waipiata Six-Pack consists of The Beeches I, Riverslea, The Beeches II, Waipiata Syndicate, Patearoa Syndicate, The Homestead and Carrickmore. These properties have the Taieri River as the eastern boundary and the top of the Rock and Pillar Ranges as the western boundary.

Section Two - General Resources Information

2.1 Sports Fisheries Habitat Values

All tributaries of the Taieri River are important as they provide sports fish habitat and supply good quality water for the larger waterways. In particular, Rock and Pillar Creek, Sow Burn and the Pig Burn have value as spawning and juvenile sports fish rearing streams. These waters supply sports fish to the Taieri River, which is an internationally recognised fishery.

2.2 Sports Fisheries Recreation Values

Rock and Pillar Creek, Sow Burn and the Pig Burn have limited recreational value due to low summer flows related to water extraction. There is some angling undertaken at the lower end of tributaries such as the Sow Burn.

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2.3 Gamebird Habitat Values

California Quail, Mallard Duck, Paradise Shelduck and Canada Geese can be found at times on the majority of these properties.

2.4 Gamebird Recreational Values

This area has large amounts of game-bird hunting. Access to most game-bird hunting areas is at the discretion of the leaseholders.

2.5 Access

There are some formed roads running through these properties although these may not always follow the legal alignment. Access to other areas is at the leaseholder's discretion.

Section Three - Fish and Game Perspective

3.1 Fisheries Habitat Views

Any waterways with Section 58 marginal strips should become Section 24 strips on transfer of the properties. Waterways large enough to qualify for marginal strips should have strips added to ensure future access for fishery management and recreational purposes. A conservation covenant should also be applied to any streams that do not qualify for a marginal strip.

3.2 Fisheries Recreation Views

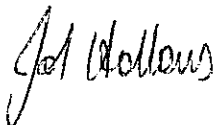
The above mentioned tributaries have limited recreational fishing values, which will be adequately protected by the measures proposed in 3.1.

3.4 Access

The points raised in 3.1 and the retention of the network of legal roads running through the properties would cover access needs for fishery management. If the current roads are not on the legal alignment then they should be given legal roads status.

Dated: 7 June September 2005

Signed



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