

Place Name Submission Report

Drop In Creek

(New Name)

Geraldine

General Background

The submitter is seeking to assign a new name to an unnamed stream that flows in a southeasterly direction into the Waihi River, and is located just west of Geraldine. The stream crosses SH 79 and Transit NZ have placed two signposts at the bridge, at different times, showing the stream name as 'Slaughterhouse Creek' and 'Slaughter House Creek'. The community had objected to this name, leading to the first sign being removed, but another has recently appeared. Therefore the submitter is seeking to formalise a suitable name for the stream, so that Transit NZ can show an official name that the community supports.

There are no other features named 'Drop In' in NZ, but there are the following 'Drop' names:

Aratira (The Drop Scene)	West of Raetihi
Drop Point	Chalky Island, Southern Fiordland
Golden Drop Stream	Coromandel
Pearl Drop Ice	Main Divide, northwest of Wanaka
Teardrop Lake	Fiordland
Teardrop Stream	North Canterbury
The Drop Off	West of Takaka

Since none of these are near Geraldine, it is unlikely that duplication would be an issue.

Early cadastral/topographic maps show:

NZMS 1, S102	Edition 1, dated 1943	No stream feature depicted
NZMS 1, S102	Edition 2, dated 1962	No stream feature depicted
NZMS 1, S102	Edition 3, dated 1971	Stream feature depicted, but not named
NZMS 13, CB 115 & 116	Edition 1, dated 1957	No stream feature depicted
NZMS 16, Geraldine sheet 1	Edition 1, not dated	Portion of stream depicted, but not named
NZMS 177, S102	Edition 1, dated 1962	No stream feature depicted

Early survey plans show:

DP 33	Dated 1874	Portion of stream depicted, but not named
SO 6082	Dated 1926	Stream feature depicted, but not named
SO 3443	Date not able to be read	Stream feature depicted, but not named
DP 4360	Dated 1915	Stream feature depicted, shown as 'Stream'

Several early historical maps/plans were searched, but none covered this particular area:

The views of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu have not been sought yet, because a formal submission proposal has yet to be made. If an original Māori name exists for this feature, then it would be preferable to Drop In Creek, which originates from the misfortune of many golfers losing their golf balls into this stream. Possibly an early settler name would be a better alternative.

The views of the local authority should be sought, as well as those of the community, if possible. Also, Transit NZ may be able to confirm its reason for using Slaughterhouse Creek.

Place Name Submission Report

Downs Creek (changed from Drop In Creek)

(New Name)

Geraldine

General Background

At the Board's last meeting of 9 November 2007, it was agreed that the submitter should be asked to complete his consultation and investigation, and also asked for an alternative name to Drop In Creek. The Board had felt that a more suitable name could be found for this river that is of a reasonable size.

The Board had noted that no comment had been received from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu about the existence of an original Māori name. Some discussion was had about the possibility of assigning a new Māori name, if no original Māori name is known.

Since the last Board meeting, the submitter corresponded with a revised submission proposal, before the Secretary was able to convey the Board's comments. The proposal is now for Downs Creek which is an associative name, derived from Geraldine Downs; a locality to the west of Geraldine, and which lies adjacent to the source of this stream. The word 'Downs' is a geographic generic descriptor for the lower part of a geographical place (old English, Dūn). The proposal for Downs Creek represents two generics, which could cause some debate or confusion as to which is the primary name and which is the generic descriptor.

There are a considerable number of place names that include the word 'Downs', most of which apply to homesteads throughout New Zealand. As to those geographical features and places under the Board's naming jurisdiction, these are the duplications:

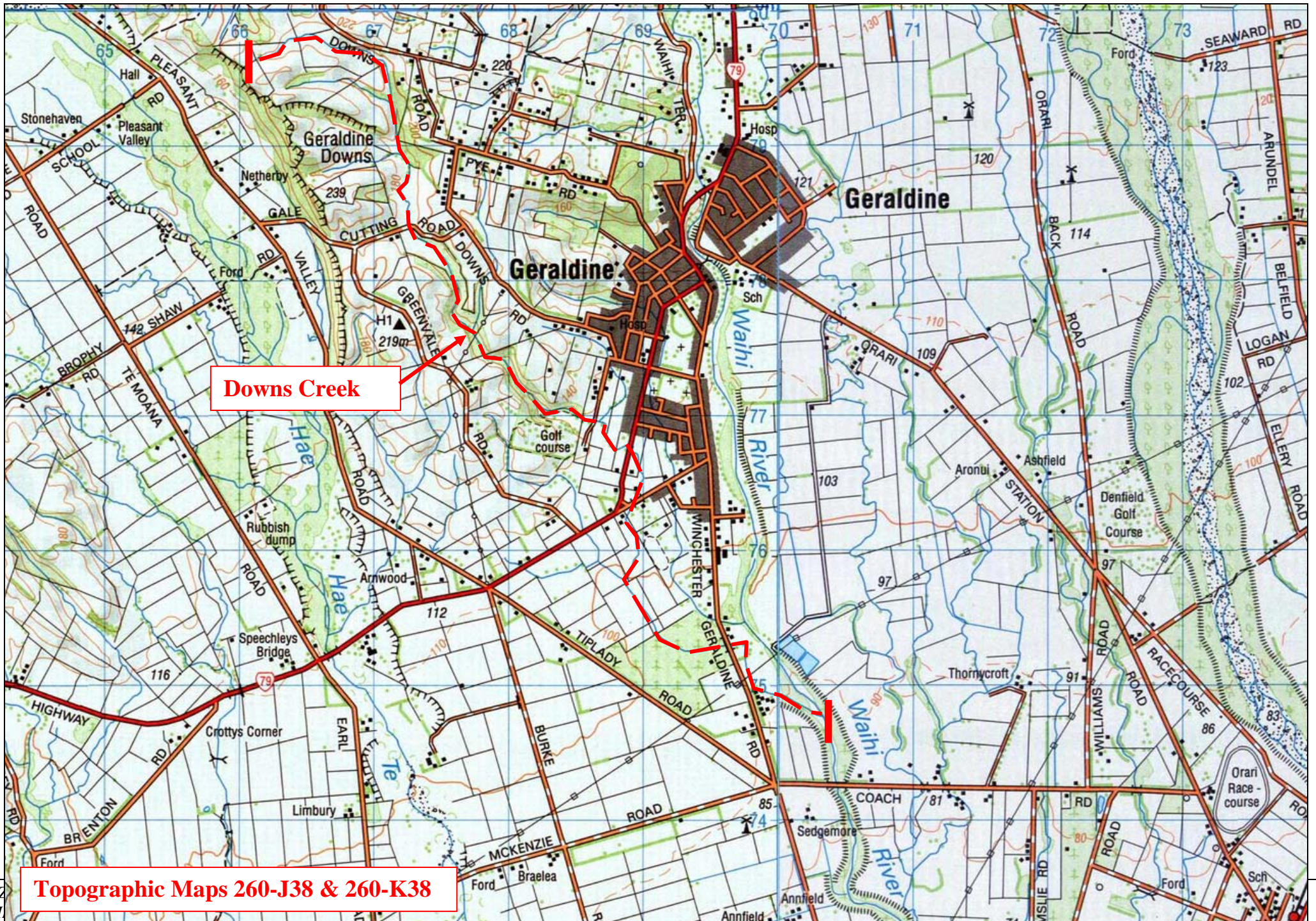
Ashley Downs	Locality	Clinton, South Otago
Botany Downs	Suburb	Auckland
Brabazon Downs	Flat	Two Thumb Range
Butler Downs	Flat	Two Thumb Range
Castle Downs Swamp	Swamp	Southland
Collier Downs	Flat	South of Timaru
Coxs Downs	Flat	Lake Pukaki
Crofton Downs	Suburb	Wellington
Downs Creek	Stream	West of Lake Wanaka
Downs Pool	Lake	South of Lake Taupo
Fagans Downs	Flat	Foothills NW of Ashburton
Gawler Downs	Misc	Foothills NW of Ashburton
Geraldine Downs	Locality	Geraldine
Gidding Downs	Misc	St Bathans
Golden Downs	Locality	Nelson
Gouland Downs	Flat	NW Nelson
Gunner Downs	Flat	NW Nelson
Halden Downs	Misc	Inland from Timaru
Horsham Downs	Locality	Hamilton
Jumped Up Downs	Flat	Two Thumb Range
Limestone Downs	Locality	Mouth of the Waikato River
Mackay Downs	Flat	NW Nelson
Mairaki Downs	Hill	West of Rangiora
Merino Downs	Locality	Gore
Okuku Downs Stream	Stream	NW of Rangiora
Oroua Downs	Locality	Himitangi
Richmond Downs	Locality	Matamata
Round Downs	Range	Gore
Seaward Downs	Locality	Invercargill
The Downs	Misc	Hanmer Springs
Waihao Downs	Locality	SW of Waimate
Wattle Downs	Suburb	Auckland

The only other existing Downs Creek is quite some distance away at Wanaka, and unlikely to be confused with this Geraldine proposal.

The views of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu have yet to be sought, but may be able to be reported at the upcoming meeting.

The submitter comments that he has consulted with his neighbours and other locals. No documentary evidence of support has been provided.

The territorial authority and Transit NZ have been asked to comment, and any response will be tabled at the Board's meeting.



Downs Creek

Topographic Maps 260-J38 & 260-K38