

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: GLENROCK STATION

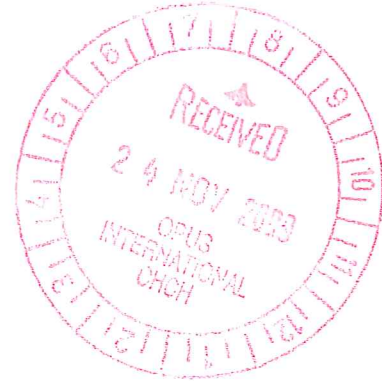
Lease number: PT 084

Public Submissions - Part 4

These submissions were received as a result of the public advertising of the Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review.

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23 November 2009

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Dear Mike

TENURE REVIEW – GLENROCK, ROLLESBY & HOLBROOK

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Game values for the Glenrock, Rollesby and Holbrook properties.

Holbrook

1. This property includes the headwaters of Sawdon Stream, and Deadmans Creek. Both streams provide flows to the Grays River.
2. The Grays River supports a popular trout fishery for which tributaries such as Sawdon (including the lower reaches of Deadmans) contain sufficient flow throughout the winter to contribute some spawning habitat for the Grays River fishery.
3. Neither stream is noted for its angling. Generally during the angling season there is insufficient water to provide any adult fish habitat.
4. Therefore any interests that Fish and Game has in respect of this property are solely related to water quality and while the existing use continues there is little reason for concern. Where the use may change to include intensified cattle grazing the likely resultant changes to natural water quality would be of concern.

Provisions

5. Fish and Game seek control of stock grazing in the stream channel of Sawdons Stream between public access points e-f and the northwest property boundary and downstream from SH8 to the property boundary.

Rollsby

6. This property borders the Grays River and Mackenzie River. Sections of these rivers and their tributaries are encompassed in the property.
7. The Grays River and tributaries contain brown and rainbow trout fisheries and over the past 30 years the stream has become very popular with anglers. They arrive from all over New Zealand as well as from over seas to fish these waters. Water quality is very important in this catchment.

Provisions

8. Control of stock grazing in the headwaters of the Grays River from I58 168 767 to J56 148 752 is necessary to protect the above values.

Glenrock

9. This property includes tributaries to the Grays River and Mackenzie River and borders the Grays Catchment.
10. Values of the Grays River are detailed above in paragraph 7

Provisions

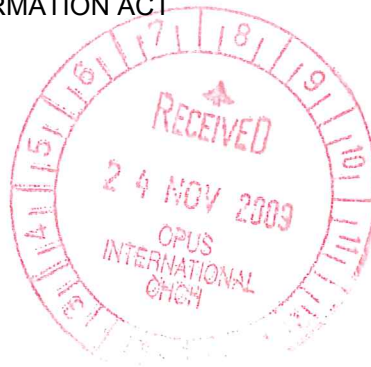
11. Possible access needed for anglers from I38 128 729 to the provided access e-f. Fish and Game Officer may need to attend a site visit and review this.
12. Control of stock grazing in waterway in section 1- the headwaters of Grays River. For reasons stated above (para 2)

Yours sincerely



Devon Christensen
Resource Officer

Submission 11



20 November 2009

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Dear Mike,

Re: Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review: Glenrock Pastoral Lease (Pt 084)

Thank you for providing the Walking Access Commission with the opportunity to comment on the preliminary proposal for the tenure review of the Glenrock pastoral lease.

We note that the proposed access to CA2 (as referenced in the map) via easement "a-b" and "c-d" will allow the public to access the designated conservation area. We note that a separate easement "b-c" will need to be negotiated as the land that the proposed route passes is freehold.

We have reviewed the proposal and consider that in its present form one addition can be made that will enhance the walking access.

Access to CA2 will be enhanced if provision is made (by way of an easement) for public access from the MacKenzie Pass Road to the southern extremity of CA2. We have noted that the Federated Mountain Clubs have likewise submitted that access should also be provided from the MacKenzie Pass Road.

The Walking Access Commission would like to discuss the legal nature and content of the proposed easements (if accepted).

Yours sincerely

Mark Neeson
Chief Executive

Submission 12

**To the Commissioner of Crown Lands per Mike Todd
Opus International Consultants Ltd
Crown Pastoral Land**

Proposed Tenure Reviews for Rollesby, Glenrock and Holbrook pastoral leases

General

The Canterbury/Aoraki Conservation Board recognizes and strongly supports the opportunity that tenure review of these pastoral leases provides to protect a wide range of floristically and fauna-rich landscapes and landforms in this Burkes Pass region.

Importantly, they will safeguard a significant area of this northern 'gateway' to the broad vistas of the Mackenzie Basin. Their importance as protected 'natural' landscapes is heightened with the threat of more intensive land development in this region.

The proposed conservation areas comprehensively represent the landforms, landscapes and ecosystems of the Burkes Pass area and an altitudinal sequence of 1,300 metres (600 – 1,900 masl). Almost all landforms are represented in the proposed conservation areas, ranging from outwash plain, terrace, lower and upper valley floors, sunny north-facing and shady south-facing mid- and upper mountain faces, gentle to steep slopes, rocky outcrops and ridgeline. Of great importance is a small, physically unaltered wetland area.

Protection of these areas reflects the conservation and recreation objectives of the current Conservation Management strategy for this area.

The proposed areas for protection as conservation areas total 5,814.75 ha. Of this area, 1,121.80 ha (737.7 ha on Glenrock and 384.1 ha on Rollesby) are designated with a proposed summer-grazing concession.

Of significance is the continuity of the proposed conservation areas across both Glenrock and Rollesby along the northern Rollesby Range, beginning at the main highway over Burkes Pass .

The Farming Operation

The total freehold area proposed is 7,879 ha, with 2,514 ha on Holbrook, 2,218 ha on Rollesby and 3,147 ha on Glenrock.

The proposed consolidated freehold area provides farming continuity across all present pastoral leases and has the comprehensive range of landscapes to enable successful farming in all seasons ie, the farming/grazing units required for efficient, profitable and sustainable high country farm management. It includes a significant area of higher altitude 'summer grazing' land.

The Canterbury/Aoraki Conservation Board questions the validity of the need to grant 'summer grazing' concessions designated as necessary (=essential) for farm operations. Given the size of the proposed new property and its balance of farming/grazing units, the summer-grazing concessions must be classified as 'convenient' for farming operations but certainly not essential. Given an expectation for greater intensification of some land units under freeholding (compared with pastoral lease), using new and improved technologies, the need for the grazing concessions is marginal at best.

The Board recommends that the grazing concessions are phased out after a five-year transition period.

The proposed easements are justified and acceptable.

The proposed conservation areas contain a wide diversity of plant species, types and communities; tall tussock (Chionochloa rigida and C. macra) and short tussock (Festuca novae zealandiae and Poa cita) associations and ecotones between them, a wide range of divaricating shrubs eg, Coprosma virescens, C. propinqua, C.intertexta, prostrate kowhai (Sophora prostrata), shrub daisy (Olearia odorata), (Carmichaelia spp. including coral broom (C.crassicaule) and dwarf broom (C. monroi) and porcupine shrub (Melicytus alpinus).

Communities of alpine and subalpine shrubs and herbs are associated with rocky outcrops with the locally endemic Helichrysum plumeum, a compact shrub daisy of particular importance. So too, are native daphnes (Pimelia spp)

On the areas of highest altitude on the Two-thumb Range are herbfields, cushion fields and dwarf shrublands. The only exotic plant species here is Hieracium. Well represented are whipcord hebes (Hebe lycopodioides and H. tetrasticka) and distinctive scree plants such as vegetable sheep (Haastia sinclairii).

Of no less importance than the protection of plant communities in this region is the opportunity to protect the wide diversity of native invertebrates, lizards and birds (including threatened species, New Zealand falcon, black-fronted tern and back-billed gull). The stream protection (eg, upper Sawdon Stream) will enhance indigenous fish species' populations (eg, Galaxiids and upland bully).

Protection of the small areas of physically unmodified wetland near Sterickers Mound and Dog Kennel Corner have special significance because of the relative rareness of wetland in this region, and the potential for restoration to full naturalness following willow removal. These areas are rich in invertebrate species and sedges such as Carex secta and C. flagellifera.

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24 November 2009

Submission 13

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Hi Mike. My apologies for this late submission. I have kept it brief. I hope you can accept it.
Regards, John Chetwin.

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Mike Todd
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Dear Mr Todd

Glenrock, Holbrook and Rollesby Tenure Reviews

The North Otago Tramping and Mountaineering Club is generally supportive of the preliminary proposals regarding the above pastoral leases. We particularly note the proposals to allow continued limited grazing of significant areas in the Glenrock and Rollesby leases which are proposed to be returned to full Crown ownership and control. These proposals seem to provide a reasonable balance between traditional farming activities and conservation objectives. They should be able to accommodate the recreational interests of members of this Club.

Yours sincerely

John Chetwin
Secretary