

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name: MT ARROWSMITH

Lease number: PC 009

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.

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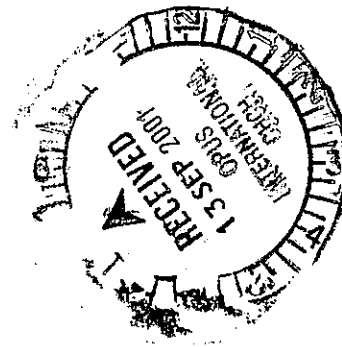
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12 September 2001

Opus International Consultants
PO Box 1482
CHRISTCHURCH

Attention: Denis Ferguson



Dear Denis

TENURE REVIEW – MT ARROWSMITH

The following provides an assessment of Fish and Game's interests in relation to Mt Arrowsmith.

1. Lake Heron is a locally important sportfishery. It supports self sustaining populations of rainbow and brown trout, and land locked quinnat salmon. Results from the 1994-96 National Angling Survey estimate in excess of 2,600 angler days are spent fishing Lake Heron each season.
2. The Ashburton River South Branch contains a popular, self sustaining brown trout sportfishery. The 1994-96 National Angling Survey estimates in excess of 4,100 angler days are spent on the Ashburton River. Waterfowl habitat and hunting is also provided by the Ashburton River South Branch.
3. The lower reaches of Oliver, Triangle and Harding Streams provide valuable trout spawning and juvenile rearing habitat along with a limited angling value. In the last three seasons up to 45 redds have been counted in each of these streams.
4. The three tarns and Dunbar Stream Wetland area (see attached map) provide waterfowl habitat, and hunting opportunity.
5. The Northeast corner of the property provides Canada Geese habitat and hunting opportunity (see attached map).
6. To accommodate the values outlined above Fish and Game requests that the following is negotiated and included in the tenure review.

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, game birds and their habitats

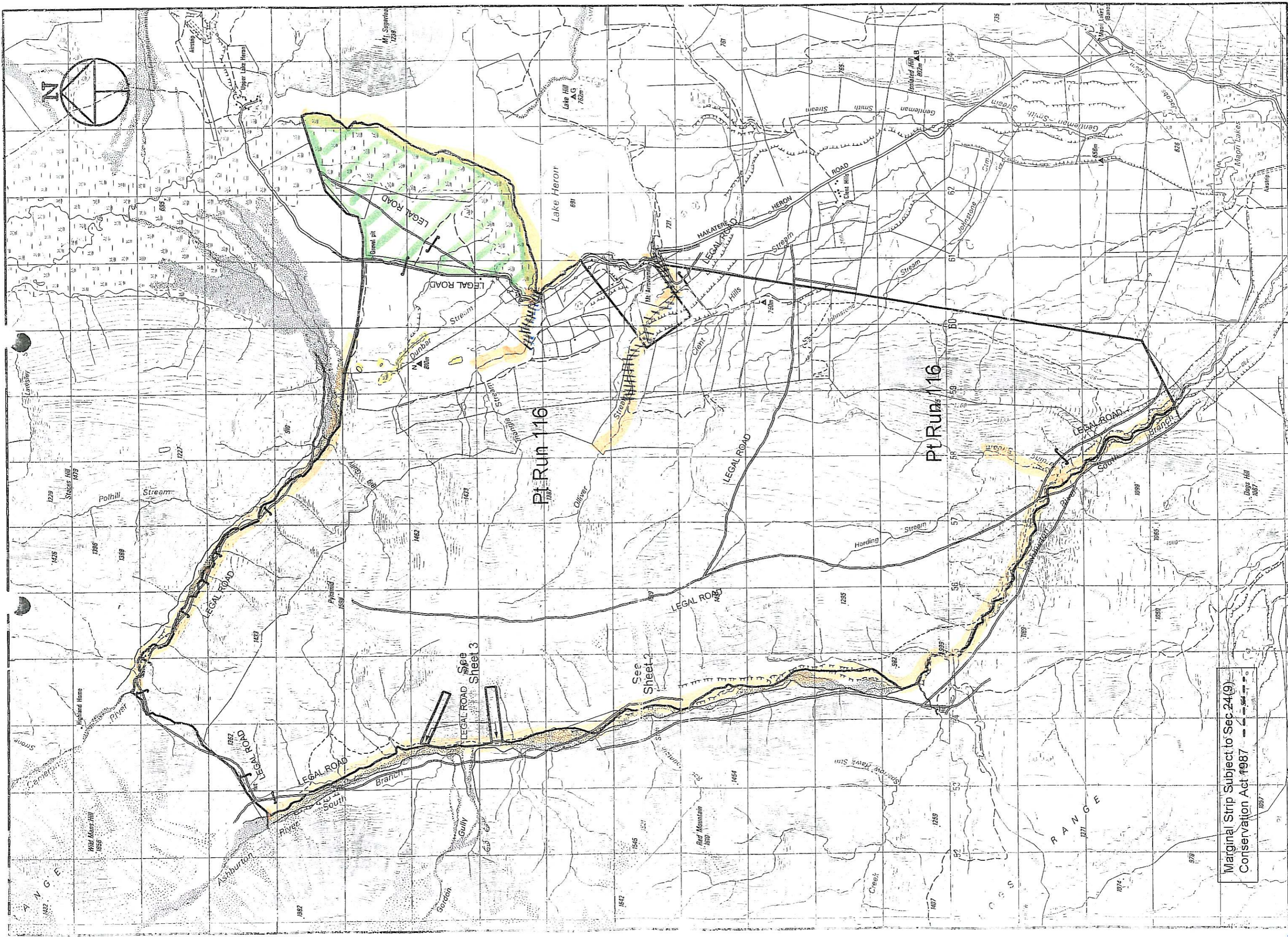
Central South Island Region

- a) Marginal Strips (see attached map) for:
Lake Heron
Triangle Stream
Oliver Stream
Ashburton River South Branch
Harding Stream
Cameron River
- b) The lower spawning reaches of Oliver Stream and Triangle Stream are fenced to exclude stock access (see attached map).
- c) Vehicle and foot access, if possible, to the Ashburton River South Branch for anglers and hunters (during the sportfish and gamebird seasons).
- d) Access to the three tarns and Dunbar Stream Wetland area for hunters.
- e) Access to the area marked on the map for Canada Geese hunting (during the gamebird season). Note this area is between the Hakatere Heron Road and the edge of the Lake Heron Wildlife Refuge/Nature Reserve boundary. Hunters would ensure that they shot away from, and not over, the Wildlife Refuge.
- f) Vehicle access to the areas in c, d, and e above, Triangle Stream, Oliver Stream and Harding Stream for management purposes.
- g) Retention of all legal roads and to facilitate access to the sportfish and gamebird resources.

Yours faithfully



Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer



Marginal Strip Subject to Sec 24(9)
Conservation Act 1987

Key
 = Marginal strip requested
 = Canada geese nesting area
 = Fencing requested
 = waterbird nesting areas

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Canterbury Land District					
Topographic Map 260 - J35, J36					
Sheet 1 of 3					
Date 22/10/99					

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25 September 2001

Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer
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Dear Vaughan

TENURE REVIEW MT ARROWSMITH

Thank you for your letter dated 12 September 2001. As discussed before I can make a recommendation to the CCL I need to clarify a number of points raised in your letter.

- a) marginal strips are not matters that can be addressed as part of Tenure Review. I note the following: the Ashburton River, Harding Stream and parts of Lake Heron, the Cameron River Triangle Stream and Oliver Stream are all over the 3 metre size that triggers the need for the creation of marginal strips.
- b) The fencing of the two spawning streams cause some difficulty The Oliver Stream runs through the existing freehold and is not part of the review. The other two we anticipate will have marginal strips laid off but not as part of tenure review. Fencing will then become an issue between the owners.
- c) Vehicle access to the South Branch of the Ashburton River. I note that this is required for anglers and shooters. I have been told that there have been no anglers in this area for a number of years. Some years ago there was an angler who fished the gorge from time to time. Is there any evidence this area is used by anglers and shooters.
- d) Access to the three tarns and the Dunbar Stream wetland for hunters. Are these areas used at present? In other words are these tarns of any significance to hunters
- e) Access to area marked for Canada Goose shooting. Once again is this area used at present?
- f) Access for vehicles. Marginal strips do give access I presume that this provision extends to vehicles for maintenance as defined in section 24. of the Conservation Act.
- g) Legal roads do not form part of Tenure Review and will not be affected.

Could you please consider these matters and give me your comments.

Yours Faithfully


J M Coffey
For Southern Regional Manager



28 September 2001

Opus International Consultants
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CHRISTCHURCH

Attention: John Coffey

Dear John

MT ARROWSMITH – TENURE REVIEW

Thank you for your letter dated 25 September 2001 seeking clarification on a number of points in regard to the Mt Arrowsmith Tenure Review. In response I have the following comments:

- a) Requests for marginal strips are included in case they are overlooked.
- b) Fencing, you are correct and this is noted.
- c) Yes the South Branch Ashburton River has limited use, primarily by anglers and some hunters. Currently access is achieved up the river from the bridge downstream of the property. This is fine if a legal right of way exists.
- d) & e) Yes these areas are used for hunting and are important in helping control Canada geese and paradise shelduck that cause pasture grazing problems.
- f) Correct for management purposes.
- g) Point noted.

If you have any further queries don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Lynn".

Vaughan Lynn
Fish and Game Officer

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File Note - Consultation with Fish & Game NZ

I rang Vaughan Lynn and discussed his latest letters (both dated 28/9/2001) on the Mt Arrowsmith and Tenehaun tenure reviews.

I advised him that we did not understand what it was that he wanted in relation to hunting of waterfowl on these properties. He had indicated that he wanted access but was not advocating a covenant. I advised that if he did not want a covenant I could not think of anything else that we could propose that would protect access rights for hunters. He indicated that while F&G wanted access protected they did not think that it warranted spending the money on a covenant. I advised that LINZ had undertaken to prepare legal documents on behalf of F&G but in order to be able to use this service they would have to make a case to justify a covenant.

Vaughan advised that he would discuss the matter with his field staff but that he thought that they would not consider that covenants were warranted. I advised that if they did not go for covenants that the status quo would remain and that any future access would be by consent from the owner.

I advised Vaughan that some of the area that they had identified for shooting on Tenehaun had been identified by DoC as land to be returned to crown ownership. Therefore some of the land may be available for future shooting on permit from DoC. We discussed access to the proposed conservation area with guns and dogs. I undertook to discuss this aspect with Mike Clare from DoC although noted that there was also an adjoining legal road that could be used.

I also advised that the two tarns or ponds identified on Mt Arrowsmith had been identified for return to Crown ownership so a similar situation applied on this property although a specific F&G access easement would be required to provide access.


I discussed the other proposals for access on both properties with Vaughan. I explained that LINZ had advised that where F&G and DGC were recommending access easements over the same route the DGC's recommended conditions would generally be those which are accepted. Vaughan advised that he did not have a problem with this in principle.

In closing I asked that F&G reconsider their position with regard to covenants on these properties and get back to John Coffey by the end of the week.



Mike Todd
8 October 2001

Spoke to Vaughan Lynn 8/11/2001. He confirmed that F&G were no longer interested in hunting covenants for these properties. They would like management access to the Dunbar Tarns for control of Canada Geese.


8/11/2001