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## **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name : IRISHMAN CREEK**

**Lease number : PT 014**

### **Public Submissions Part 3**

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

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**From:** Sissi Stein-Abel [<mailto:sissi@sissistein.com>]

**Sent:** Monday, 30 June 2014 4:50 p.m.

**To:** pastoral & tenure review

**Subject:** Submission Irishman Creek

To whom it may concern

This is a submission against granting the Irishman Creek Station freehold status via the Tenure Review process.

Development has already spoilt the unique landscape of the Mackenzie Basin, and potential development of the huge area of Irishman Creek Station's Crown lease land would further damage the landscape with its braided riverbed/outwash fan and put rare ecosystems of national priority at risk. Not many such landscapes are left in the world, and particularly the low-lying areas are home to rare birds and other species that depend on such landscapes for their survival.

Apart from that I am against the way LINZ gives away land in the Tenure Review process, buying off land that the Crown already owns! This is pure madness, making farmers rich in the process and the nation poor in far more than cash but natural heritage, unique wildlife and flora. We do not need development in the Mackenzie Basin, neither through any other kind of farming but sheep because the landscape is not suitable for dairy or and not even cattle, nor by allowing hotels or private villas and mansions being built in this glacial landscape.

The Mackenzie Basin is well and truly one of the real iconic landscapes in New Zealand that still has kept much of its original look created by glaciation while other - mostly formerly forested - areas have been totally transformed by farming and other development. If we want to save a little slice of heaven, the Mackenzie Basin is the place to save, even if farmers do not become millionaires overnight thanks to Tenure Review.

Regards,

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30 June 2014

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**CHRISTCHURCH 8140**

## **Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review of Irishman Creek Pastoral Lease, Pt 014. Submission from the Walking Access Commission**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Preliminary Proposal (Proposal) for the tenure review of the Irishman Creek pastoral lease. As you will appreciate, this is the first opportunity that the New Zealand Walking Access Commission (the Commission) has had to comment on this proposal.

The following submission should be considered as new information as, to-date, the tenure review planning, extensive discussion and consultation have been undertaken without input from the Commission – the statutory body established in 2008 to lead and support public access negotiations.

The Commission's public access statutory role is described below, under section **A. Introduction**, and the detailed submission is presented in section **B. Submission**.

In summary, the Commission **supports**:

1. full public access on land designated as "SR1", "CA1", "CA2" and "CA3",

and **seeks** to have;

2. the pastoral lease boundaries with legal roads clearly identified and shown on the designations plan;
3. the Proposal clarified and ambiguities removed around the position and status of the pastoral lease boundaries where they adjoin legal roads;
4. the proposal amended to correctly reflect the status of the formed road (is it legal or not) between the powerhouse and State Highway 8 (Hayman Road);
5. the pastoral lease boundaries, where they adjoin legal roads, clearly identified and shown on the designations plan (to clarify that the pastoral lease excludes the roads);
6. confirmation that there is an existing legal easement instrument for the access track shown "a-b-e-f";
7. enduring public walking, biking and horse riding access provided for in the current easement instrument (if it exists) or created by a new easement over the track marked "a-b-e-f" on the designations plan;
8. confirmation that there is enduring public access from point "a" (end of existing easement) through to State Highway 8 along the Tekapo Canal Road, or that a new easement will be created to provide this public access to State Highway 8 from point 'a'.
9. the lease boundaries, where they adjoin the legal road through area CC1, confirmed as being either side of the existing track.



## A. Introduction

### Purpose, Objective and Functions of the NZ Walking Access Commission

The Walking Access Act 2008 (WA Act) (sections 3, 9 and 10) sets out the purpose, objective and functions of the NZ Walking Access Commission. Central to its role is the Commission's leadership functions in negotiation and provision of free, certain, enduring and practical access to the outdoors for New Zealanders and visitors.

### Focus of Submission is Public Access

The Commission's submission on the Proposal for Irishman Creek is designed, as envisaged by the WA Act, to focus on the achievement of free, certain, enduring and future-focused public access in this area of New Zealand.

The Commission's submission is in line with the objectives of the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 (CPL Act), in particular section 24(c) which is to make easier the securing of public access to and enjoyment of reviewable land. Specifically, our submission addresses the public access and public enjoyment matters provided for in the protection mechanism subsections (2) (c) and (d) of section 40 of the CPL Act.

The Commission was not consulted during the preparation of this Proposal.

Therefore, this submission should be considered as new information provided by the Crown agency with statutory responsibility<sup>1</sup> for leading and supporting the negotiation, establishment, maintenance, and improvement of –

- walking access (including walkways, which are one form of walking access) over public and private land; and
- types of access that may be associated with walking access, such as access with firearms, dogs, bicycles, and motor vehicles.

## B. Submission

Of concern to the Commission is the incompleteness of the Proposal with respect to public access.

The Proposal notes that Objective 24(c)(i) – the securing of public access to and enjoyment of renewable land - is fully met with public access to both 'CA1' and 'CA3' provided from State High 8 and Hayman Road respectively, and public access to 'SR1' provided directly off State Highway 8.

However, the Proposal is ambiguous and incomplete in its description of the pastoral lease boundaries, the relationship between the lease boundaries and the roads and tracks, and the status of the roads and tracks that provide public access to the reviewable land.

Before it can be stated that full public access is available to the reviewable land, as noted in the Proposal, the position of the pastoral lease legal boundaries and the status of the roads and tracks providing practical public access must be confirmed.

A clear example of this ambiguity is where the Proposal Summary states on page 5 that *'there is some doubt as to which property the existing track is on. The boundary fence between the Wolds and Irishman Creek has the track fenced in with The Wolds. Earlier land status plans showed the track meandering into both properties. The current land status plan of Irishman Creek is not clear in its definition but the latest land status plan of the Worlds clearly shows the track as being outside*

<sup>1</sup> Section 3(b) Walking Access Act 2008

*The Wolds hence the track has been taken as being inside Irishman Creek pastoral lease’.*

Unformed legal roads share a common boundary with the pastoral lease in several places, and while the roads are shown on the designations plan, the lease is not clearly represented on the designation plan as excluding these roads.

We request that the pastoral lease boundaries on the designations plan be clearly depicted to exclude all legal roads and to confirm if the track leading to Mt Mary is within this pastoral lease. This latter clarification is necessary to ensure that the Commission’s request for public access over the track to Mt Mary is allowed to be considered as new information for this tenure review.

The Commission’s concerns and public access recommendations are discussed more fully under the headings below.

## Existing public access

The Tekapo Twizel Road (State Highway 8 (SH8)) intersects the eastern portion of the property in an approximately north-south direction.

In addition there are significant lengths of the pastoral lease boundaries that also coincide with the boundaries of unformed legal road. These unformed legal roads intersect the property and some may have significance for recreational access (see Figure 1 below), but none are noted in the Proposal.



Figure 1 - Legal roads (in purple) intersecting Irishman Creek pastoral lease  
[Snip from [www.WAMS.org.nz](http://www.WAMS.org.nz)]

The Tekapo Canal Road, owned by Genesis Energy Limited, intersects the property in a generally east-west direction between SH8 and Hayman Road (see Figure 2 below). The legal status of the Canal Roads is not clear and need to be confirmed in the Proposal to provide the complete ‘picture’ of how public access and enjoyment of the reviewable land is achieved (or not).

Legal road (Hayman Road) borders the proposed freehold area north of the Pukaki Power Station.

The section of formed road from the powerhouse south to State Highway 8, however, is not currently legal road according to Landonline. Figure 2 below, (snip from [www.wams.org.nz](http://www.wams.org.nz)) shows legal road coloured purple. LINZ provides this legal information for WAMS.

Therefore, the status of this section formed road between the powerhouse and State Highway 8 therefore needs to be confirmed and the Proposal Summary amended, if necessary, to correctly reflect the current legal status. The absence of legal status for this section of road means that



there is no legal access to the part of the lake shown 'Y-Z' in Figure 2.



Figure 2 - Road between "Y-Z" is not shown as legal road in Landonline  
[snip from [www.WAMS.org.nz](http://www.WAMS.org.nz) where legal road is shown purple]

### Public access proposed in the Preliminary Proposal

There are no specific public access routes proposed in the Preliminary Proposal.

As identified in the Information Pack, public access is available to "SR1" and "CA1" from SH8 and to "CA3" from Hayman Road. "CA2" is able to be accessed through "CA3". Access to "CA3" (and, therefore, "CA2" as above) may also be possible from the Tekapo Canal roads, which although privately owned are frequently available to the public. The Information Pack states that "Full public access is available", but it is unclear which designations this may apply to, and what "Full public access" actually means. For example we note that in Schedule 2 of the Grazing Concession, the lower slopes of CA2 are closed to the public during lambing, for the period 10 October to 21 November inclusive.

We support full public access being provided on land designated as "SR1", "CA1", "CA2" and "CA3".

The land proposed to be disposed of on freehold title under the tenure review will be subject to the provisions of Part 4A Conservation Act 1987, and 20m marginal strips will be reserved from sale along all qualifying stream beds. Unfortunately, the Preliminary Proposal gives no indication of what stream beds may qualify. However, from a report on the inspection of waterways undertaken by Astrolabe New Zealand Limited and dated 21 December 2009, we understand that the application of Part 4A Conservation Act 1987 will provide public access alongside Irishman Creek and Mary Burn.

The existing track that provides vehicle access from the Tekapo Canal road to Mt Mary is depicted on the Designation Plan as easement 'a-b-e-f'. The Proposal states that the existing easement will continue in force 'substantially as set out in Appendix 5'. However, Appendix 5 only includes a compensation certificate not an easement instrument.

The Commission wishes to establish whether the existing easement instrument allows for public access to Mt Mary. However, at the due date for this submission, LINZ had not yet provided the Commission with a copy of this easement so the question is addressed, below, as additional access sought.



## Additional public access sought

We note that the Preliminary Proposal has provision for the continuation in force of an existing easement, summarised in the Information Pack as being;

*"Continuation in Force of an Existing Easement under Section 36(3)(c) Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 over the land marked "a-b-e-f" on "CA2" and "CA3" on the Plan in Appendix 2 of this report. There is an existing right of access to the telecommunication site as provided for in the Compensation Certificate shown as 867302 on the computer register."*

Schedule Two of the Preliminary Proposal identifies the continuation in force of the existing easement "substantially as set out in Appendix 5". Unfortunately Appendix 5 only contains a Compensation Certificate, with no indication of the actual terms of the easement, particularly with regard to whether there may be an opportunity for public use of the track subject to the easement.

The Mary Range, including Mt Mary to the south of Irishman Creek, is a public access destination possibly un-paralleled in this part of the Mackenzie. The Range is a prominent elevated landscape feature which provides excellent views over the Mackenzie basin. The track identified as "a-b-e-f" on the Designations Plan is a logical route to the northern end of the Mary Range. While the public will generally have access to all of "CA3" and "CA2", public right of walking, biking and horse riding access on the identified track should be specifically provided for.

We request that the public be given an explicit right of walking, cycling and horse access on the track "a-b-e-f" and confirmation that public access is also available along the Tekapo Canal Road to State Highway 8.

As noted previously, the Proposal is ambiguous as to whether the track indicated by easement a-b-e-f' is fully within this pastoral lease or The Wolds pastoral lease. This needs to be confirmed and should be treated as new information to ensure this submission for public access to Mt Mary is accepted, just as it was accepted in The Wolds public submission analysis (according to the LINZ [web site](#)).

In Figure 3 and 4 the pastoral lease boundary is located either side of the legal road that runs through the middle of area CC1. This road is depicted on Topo 51T as not being a right-lined boundary. Notwithstanding that Landonline portrays the pastoral lease boundary/legal road as deviating in places, the existing track, being the physical representation of the pastoral lease boundary/legal road, should be confirmed in the Proposal.

While public access over the track may be deemed to exist, clarification is required in the Proposal to ensure that there is no ambiguity or objection to the public using this legal road.



Figure 3 – topo track and legal road



Figure 4 – legal road on SO 17346 from Topo 51T

## Conclusion

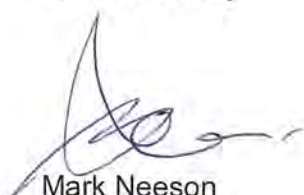
### *The Commission:*

1. **Supports** full public access on land designated as "SR1", "CA1", "CA2" and "CA3",
2. **Seeks** to have the pastoral lease boundaries with legal roads clearly identified and shown on the designations plan,
3. **Seeks** to have the Proposal clarified and ambiguities removed around the position and status of the pastoral lease boundaries where they adjoin legal roads;
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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Preliminary Proposal for tenure review of the Irishman Creek pastoral lease.

We request timely advice as to how all the points we have raised have been analysed and what amendments, if any, are subsequently proposed to the Preliminary Proposal designations.

Yours sincerely



Mark Neeson  
Chief Executive



30 June 2014

Commissioner of Crown Lands,  
CBRE House, 112 Tuam Street,  
Private Bag 4721,  
CHRISTCHURCH 8140

Dear Sir,

**Re: Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review Irishman Creek Station (PT 104)**

1. I write on behalf of Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc. (FMC) which represents over 17,000 members of tramping, mountaineering, climbing and other outdoor clubs throughout New Zealand. We also indirectly represent the interests and concerns of many thousands of private individuals who may not currently be members of clubs but who enjoy recreation in the back country. On their behalf, FMC aims to enhance recreation opportunities, to protect natural values, especially landscape and vegetation, as well as historic values and to improve public access to the back country through the tenure review process.
2. FMC fully supports the objectives of tenure review as set out in the Crown Pastoral Land (CPL) Act 1998, and government's stated objectives for the South Island high country especially the following:-
  - *\* to promote the management of the Crown's high country in a way that is ecologically sustainable.*
  - *\* to protect significant inherent values of reviewable land by the creation of protective measures; or preferably by restoration of the land concerned to full Crown ownership and control.*
  - *\* to secure public access to and enjoyment of high country land.*
  - to ensure that conservation outcomes for the high country are consistent with the NZ Biodiversity Strategy.

[EDC Min (03) 5/3; CAB Min (03) 11/5 refer]

\* Note that regardless of the changes of government and of governments' policies, these objectives are still the law as stated in the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998.

3. We believe that the additional objectives (introduced by the last government), are fundamental to the future well-being of the South Island high country and should be given appropriate weight in the tenure review process.

4. In this submission we present our views and recommendations in the same format as the preliminary proposal quoted above.
5. *Proposal 1.1 - the land shown marked in pink on the Plan, being 2613 hectares (approximately) labelled "CA1", "CA2" and "CA3" is designated as land to be restored to or retained in Crown control as conservation area subject to easement and grazing concessions.*

FMC supports this proposal, but considers that the stewardship land status (section 62, Conservation Act 1987) being granted to it is inappropriate. It would be better to classify the land to a permanent status such as scenic reserve. We agree that the area has significant conservation, landscape, and public access values, with CA2 and CA3 sitting within a viewshed on the northern shores of Lake Pukaki. CA1 protects important landscape values on the outwash plain extending down to the Tekapo River. FMC also supports the grazing concessions as set out in Appendix 6, and the limitations on access during the lambing period. These are normal restrictions and expected by our members in the high country during lambing time.

6. *Proposal 1.2 - the land shown marked in pink on the Plan, being 1400 hectares (approximately) labelled "SR1" is designated as land to be restored to or retained in Crown control as scenic reserve subject to easement and grazing concessions.*

FMC supports this proposal, and considers that scenic reserve status is appropriate. It would be better to classify all the land returning to the Crown in this area as scenic reserve, as stated above. This scenic reserve protects a vital viewshed extending from the floor of the valley up the sides of the outwash plains to the Southern Alps. FMC also supports the grazing concession in this scenic reserve, as set out in Appendix 6, noting that there are no restrictions on public access within the scenic reserve. There is a discrepancy though in that lower country immediately below the scenic reserve that has high values has no protection proposed for it at all.

7. *Under this Proposal the land shown marked in green on the Plan, being 5789 hectares (approximately) is designated as land to be disposed of by freehold disposal to the Holder subject to:*
  - (a) Part IVA of the Conservation Act 1987;*
  - (b) Section 11 of the Crown Minerals Act 1991;*
  - (c) the conservation covenant (shown on the Plan shaded yellow and labelled "CC1") substantially as set out in Appendix 7.*

FMC supports the conservation covenant CC1 for landscape values, as a continuation of the viewshed on the shores of Lake Pukaki.

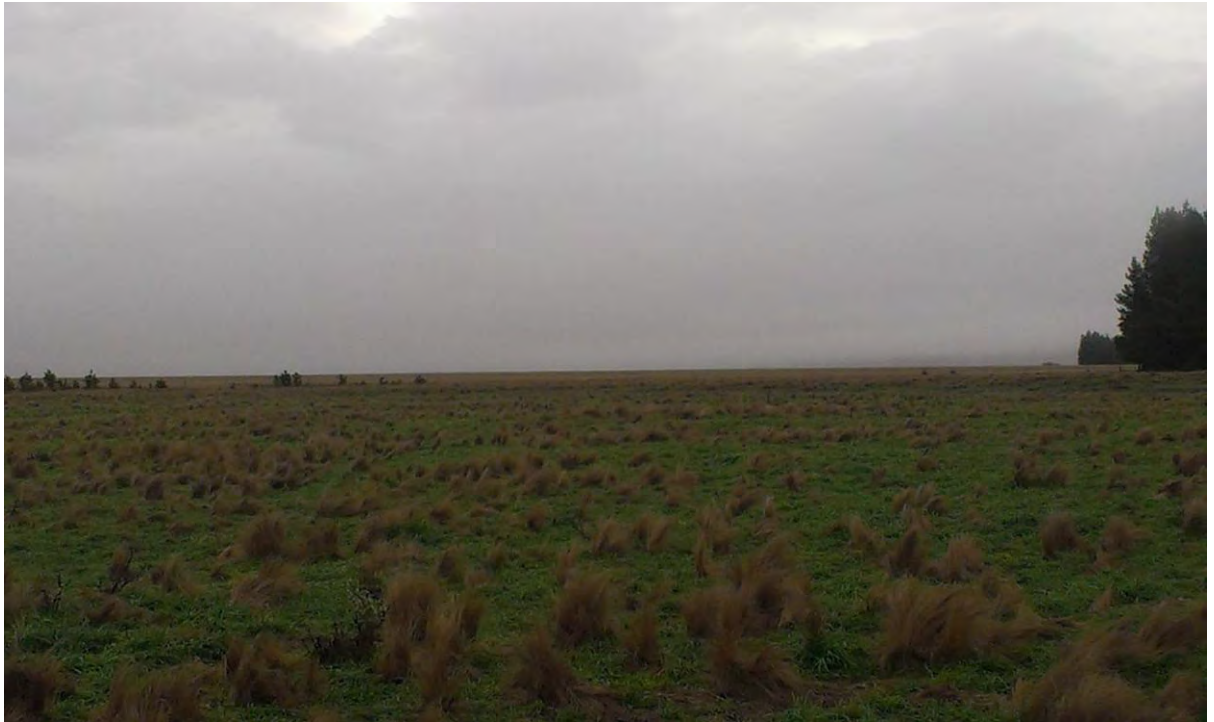


However, FMC wishes to raise one issue with the proposed freehold. There is a large area of lightly grazed tussock with significant inter-tussock species, some of which are classified as threatened (such as coral broom) existing in the proposed freehold. This area is currently fenced, and appears to have been well-managed by the lessee. It forms part of a viewscape extending down to the State Highway and up to the scenic reserve. Photographs of this area are inserted below.

It would be more appropriate if a conservation covenant CC2 was placed on this area and if the boundaries were defined to be contiguous with the existing fenceline. The difference between the vegetation state on either side of the fenceline is marked. The absence of this covenant and recognition of the values within is the marked.



(Figure 1, on the proposed conservation covenant CC2, showing the high tussock and intertussock values present and the good existing stocking regime)



(Figure 2, an example of oversown tussock with loss of intertussock species, on the other side of the fence)



(Figure 3, coral broom, a highly palatable but endangered native plant present within the bounds of proposed conservation covenant CC2)



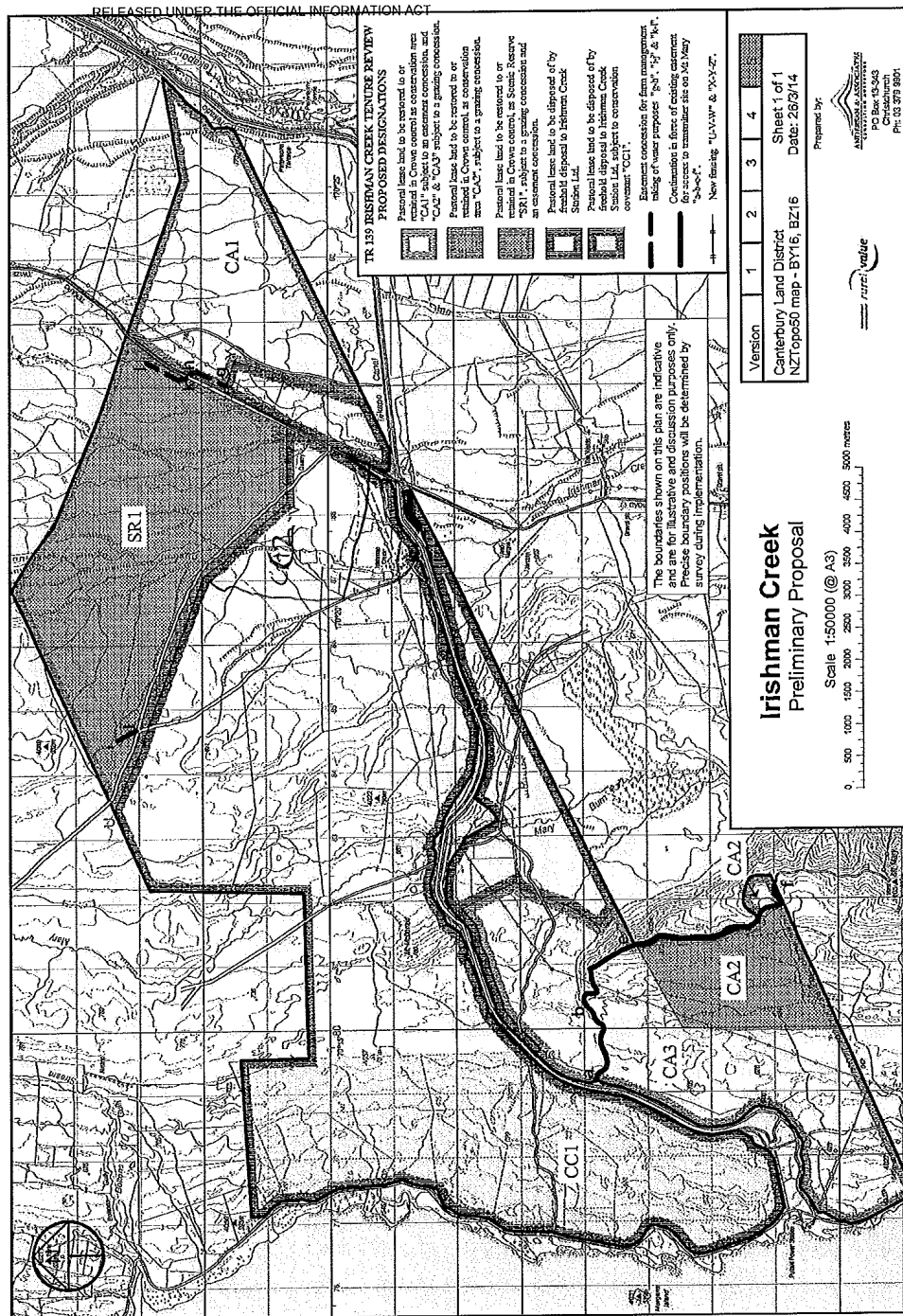
8. Subject to the above recommendations FMC supports this tenure review proposal and thanks the runholders for providing our executive members access to the property to conduct an inspection.
9. We also thank the Commissioner for Crown Lands for this opportunity to make submissions on the Preliminary Proposal for the tenure review of Irishman Creek.

Yours faithfully

Phil Glasson  
Secretary, Federated Mountain Clubs of NZ Inc.

## **Appendix 1**

Proposed conservation covenant, labelled CC2





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Irishman Creek Tenure Review

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Commissioner of Crown Lands.  
 Linz Crown Property

Dear Sir. (3 pages. including the

I remember driving across  
 Country into a sunset. I was used to the  
 highcountry beauty but I was wowed  
 by the expanse & its stunning beauty  
 & the picture stays with me. (About the 1950s)  
 Then there was an occasion when I  
 rode taking a companion and a packhorse  
 from the Lewis Pass to the back of  
 Lake Tekapo as close to the Alps as  
 we could get. The last stations were,  
 through Lilybank, & across the Godley  
 & McCauley (they were big rivers) & to  
 Godley Peaks where my uncle had worked  
 to Tekapo. (This was at the beginning of  
 the 1970s. I then rode on to Orari Railway Station where I loaded the horse.  
 (I remember also that the jet boating  
 invention stemmed from an  
 experiment at Irishman's Creek.

The important landscapes of the  
 McKenzie require preservation

It is of deep concern to me that  
 the outstanding outwash fan  
 should be proposed (for development)  
 for freeholding.

This is of grave concern as it was to the McKenzie Basin that drew supporters from all round the country. (including) It is inconceivable that this broad sweep of country should be freeholded for development, approx 5800 hrs. This area of Crown Lease land contains rare rare ecosystems of national importance. (This land is invaluable for tourism.

This area should require future management that is ecologically sustainable

A conservation covenant requires no permanent protection of significant geological features. As the ability of topdressing & sowing of this country there will be a loss of legibility of the geological features which are subtle.

Ecosystem values in this outwash fan (like all outwash fans) rank as critically endangered. (Outwash fans are not common) According to 2012 research this is the highest threat ranking.

It should be a **national** priority to protect such lands.

This proposal is totally in conflict with the recommendations for large scale biodiversity protection agreed to by the Upper Wairaki Shared Vision Forum

This process was supported by the Government  
PTO





This tenure review would fail to protect significant inherent values including the highly legible landforms that contribute to the experience of being in the McKezie Basin. Those are the landscapes that I have carried in my mind's eye since I experienced all those years ago and I have carried in my mind's eye ever since the late 1950s (Along SH 8)

Those are the landscapes that wow the tourist going to Mt Cook & Queenstown. (Both MUSTS on the tourist trail).

The proposal should properly consider the Objectives of the Act & should protect as a minimum the SIVs as recommended in the Conservation Resources Report. by returning this land to Full Crown Owners

- May I remind you 24 Objects of Part 2 of CPlan
- The objects of this Part are
- i to enable the protection of the significant inherent values of renewable land —
  - ii by the creation of protective mechanisms, or (preferably) by the restoration of the land concerned to full Crown Ownership & Control; and

Covenanteeing is an inadequate protective mechanism

Please protect this land  
Yours sincerely  
Lesley Shand

29 June 2014

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To Whom It May Concern,

**SUBMISSION OF REVIEW UNDER PART 2 CROWN PASTORAL LAND ACT:  
IRISHMAN CREEK**

We would like to submit our **support** for the proposal as outlined in Tenure Review Pt014 Irishman Creek. Having read the supplied documentation we believe the proposal to be fair and reasonable to all parties concerned.

Our background is that as a family we have made numerous visits to Irishman Creek Station as guests of Justin and Gillian Wills the current run holders. We have had the opportunity to explore Irishman Creek and its facilities on a number of occasions.

We realise Irishman Creek has many varied and unique qualities that require preservation for future generations of New Zealanders. The environmentally unique landscape and endangered flora and fauna will be best managed by its return to crown guardianship as proposed by LINZ. We believe that this type of management allows for and represents fairly the needs of large groups in society and through crown ownership these areas will be adequately protected and maintained for all people to appreciate.

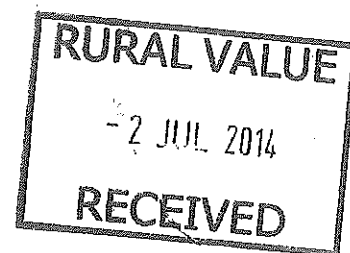
The proposed scenic reserve caters for future generations and will allow them to appreciate the unique landscape of the McKenzie Basin.

The potential for farming would be enhanced by the free holding of the remaining suitable land. The historical value of the Hamilton Workshop, dam and power generator would again be maximally enhanced by its free holding and allowing preservation work to be undertaken for this iconic piece of New Zealand history and potentially allowing interested groups to tour the facilities should the run holders choose to do so.

In conclusion we see the proposal as being fair and reasonable for all parties concerned and **we wish to support** the proposal outlined in Pt014 Tenure Review Irishmann Creek.

Yours Sincerely,  
John, Chris, Joshua, Anna, and Kate Rietveld.

*John Rietveld* *Chris Rietveld*  
*Anna Rietveld* *Kate Rietveld*



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Dear sir/ madam

I'm very sorry but I mid-spelt the email address ( see evidence below) but I did send the original email in time. I hope you can still accept my submission.

Regards

Ann Graeme

Submission:

the vast empty vistas of the Mckenzie country are a landscape found nowhere else in NZ and the reason we come there on holiday. The natural values of Irishman Creek will be lost if the land is freeholded and the inevitable pasture development follows. Please keep this iconic property in public ownership.

Ann Graeme

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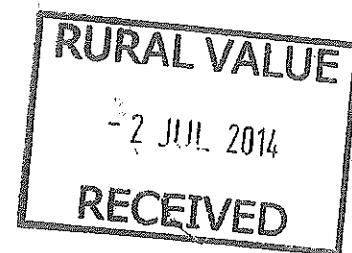
the vast empty vistas of the Mckenzie country are a landscape found nowhere else in NZ and the reason we come there on holiday. It's natural values of Irishman Creek will be lost if the land is freeholded and the inevitable pastue development follows. We holiday there

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**Subject:** Irishman Creek

Dear Commissioner of Crown Lands  
LINZ Crown Property  
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Christchurch 8140

I did not see that this was up for Pastoral & Tenure review. It has only been brought to my attention today. Will you please accept my late submission (2 days late).  
Liz Angelo-Roxborough

### **Irishman Creek Tenure Review**

I have lived in the Mackenzie for over 40 years (SH8 at Burkes Pass) and love this area of New Zealand for its natural beauty and colour. My husband Maurie Angelo is an ARTIST and he and his fellow artist friends have had to change their painting palette over the years as the countryside has **changed** in parts from **gold to green** due to farming methods. Cattle farming has also affected our water quality which has deteriorated over the years.

I am a Trustee of the Burkes Pass Heritage Trust and have worked to retain our history. **Sir William Hamilton**, who is buried in Burkes Pass cemetery invented his jet engine at **Irishman Creek Station** and I think he would turn in his grave if his farm was to be tamed and lose its natural beauty.

Tourism has increased in the time we have lived here and we have to ask ourselves why do they come? For this outstanding natural beauty of course. Do not kill this golden goose. Keep those golden hills and blue skies for ever.

I would recommend those making decisions view a recent **book** called "**Vanishing Point**" by artists Bing Dawe, John Emery and Keith Walter. It will explain with images how beautiful this region is and why we care for it so much.

We have seen such reviews lead to changes in the land - its colour, plant and bird life and even property development.  
New Zealand needs to keep this unique & stupendous scenery as it is. PLEASE DO NOT CHANGE IT.

Liz Angelo-Roxborough

\* I support the Department of Conservation's advice on the significant inherent values as discussed in the 'Addendum to Conservation Resources Report' November 2009' and the significant inherent values and recommendations for protection identified in the map included in the report.

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1. \* The preliminary proposal does not meet the Objectives of Part 2 of the Crown Pastoral Land Act (CPLA) for the following reasons:
- The proposal fails to promote future management of the land in a way that is ecologically sustainable.
  - The proposal fails to protect significant inherent values including the highly legible landforms that contribute to the experience of being in the Mackenzie and are highly visible as you drive along SH8 and SH80 along the opposite shore of Lake Pukaki.
  - The proposal has not taken into account the fact that the ecosystem values in the outwash fan rank as 'critically endangered', the highest threat ranking (under 2012 research) - this means they should be a national priority to protect.
  - The proposal is in conflict with the recommendations for large scale biodiversity protection as agreed to by the Upper Waitaki Shared Vision Forum - a process supported by the Government
  - The conservation covenant (CC1) provides no permanent protection of the significant geological values and in fact will contribute to the loss of the legibility of these values by providing for the ability to over sow and top dress and build structures.

Please ensure the proposal gives proper effect to the Objectives of Part 2 of the CPLA by protecting the 'significant inherent values' by **returning the land to full Crown ownership**, and for it to be managed in perpetuity for conservation.

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