

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : *MARYBURN*

Lease number : PT 041

Public Submissions Part 15

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Submission on the Preliminary Proposal for Maryburn Pastoral Lease

Maryburn is a lease of 8,4977ha in two parts, the main one between the Tekapo River and the Mary Burn and a smaller section, which it is proposed to feehold in its entirety, between Lake Pukaki and the Mary Range. It shares a boundary with The Wolds, currently the subject of a preliinary proposal, to the north and northwest. The CRR describes the Maryburn landscape as 'an important and integral part of the Mackenzie Basin landscape'.

It would surely make more sense at the very least to have been able to consider a proposal for Irishman Creek along with The Wolds and Maryburn and there is no doubt that the three proposals should only be finally considered once the Mackenzie Consultative Group has reported back with their vision for the future of the Mackenzie Country landscape and how best to sustain ecological and other significant inherent values.

The Proposal

Conservation Area, CA1, 3,430ha

This area on the eastern side of the lease runs the full length of the boundary from The Wolds in the north to the Mary Burn in the south and stretches east as far as the Tekapo River.

The significant inherent values in CA1 include landscape, vegetation (including several threatened plant species) and fauna and are well described in the proposal and in the Conservation Resources Report (CRR).

I support the creation of CA1, but submit that the area at the southwest of the CA between the proposed new fence and the Maryburn be included in CA1. The values described in the CRR indicate that this wetland area should be protected as a conservation area being habitat for threatened long finned eel, koaro, black fronted tern, black stilt, and banded dotterels.

Land proposed for freeholding .

I believe that there should be a CA over the western end of the Mary Range between Lake Pukaki and the summit ridge. This area of moraine warrants protection as public conservation land for its important values including the nationally significant terminal moraine site, threatened plants and remnant shrublands on low hill country, stony fans and terraces, kettle holes and turf communities. At the very least there must be a landscape covenant over it.

The eastern slopes of the Mary Range should also have the protection of a landscape covenant. This area is a significant feature when viewed from the SH.

Given the degraded state of the area porposed as an SMC I submit that it would be better classifies as CA to allow its dryland species and systems to have abetter chance of recovery.

As someone who grew up in South Canterbury and frequently visited the Mackenzie Country both then and now I am very aware of the need to protect that unique landscape and the other significant inherent values within it.

Thankyou for the opportunity to comment on the proposal.

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28 March 2011

The Preliminary Proposal for Maryburn Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Here is my submission to the above proposal.

Broadly speaking; it is imperative that this proposal is not considered in isolation. The land use in area of the Mackenzie Basin has stirred significant public concern, both locally and nationally, and it is vital that this proposal is considered thoroughly. This must be done both in terms of its individual significance, particularly with regard to landscape and biodiversity values, as well as the cumulative effect when considering it alongside other similar proposals in the vicinity (whether they be under review now or in the future).

It must be considered in the context of its nationally significant surrounding landscapes, and collective value in terms of culture, biodiversity, regional economy (tourism) and recreation.

It should also be considered with regard to current Proposed National Policy Statements on Indigenous Biodiversity, and for Freshwater, and considered in the light of the regional approach of the Canterbury Water Management Strategy and its 'Principles that must be met' which were agreed to by all community stakeholders.

More specifically; the proposal fails to protect the extensive Maryburn outwash plain, the moraines between Lake Pukaki and Mary Range, the eastern slopes of Mary Range, Mary Burn Stream and wetlands, and the Northern wetland which have been identified by expert botanists, entomologists, ecologists and Department of Conservation Staff as having outstanding significant inherent values that warrant protection as public conservation land (or covenant) under the objects of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act, (CPLA).

The specific aspects of the proposed preliminary proposal that do not meet the objects of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act include:

1. *Maryburn outwash plain – Conservation Area*

The triangle of land between SH8 and Tekapo River warrants protection as Conservation land to protect the full range of significant species occurring on the nationally rare basin floor and its significant landscape.

The area proposed for a Sustainable Management Covenant (SMC) should be included as Public Conservation Land as it contains dryland species and systems that compliment the adjoining area.

2. *Lake Pukaki and crest of Mary Range – including Pukaki lateral moraine – Conservation Area*

This 1,293ha area of moraine warrants protection as public conservation land for its important values including the nationally significant terminal moraine site, threatened plants and remnant shrublands on low hill country, stony fans and terraces, kettle holes and turf communities.

3. *Eastern Slopes Mary Range – Landscape Covenant*

This area requires a landscape covenant to protect the outstanding landscapes as it is relatively unmodified with few structures and is a significant feature when viewed from the SH8.

4. *Mary Burn Stream and wetlands*

This area requires protection as a conservation area as it is habitat for threatened long finned eel, koaro, black fronted tern, black stilt, and banded dotterels.

5. *Northern wetland*

This site of special wildlife interest for birds warrants protection by a covenant to ensure ecologically sustainable management. Ongoing grazing will result in continued degradation.

Given these considerations I request that the Preliminary Proposal for Maryburn be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

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Attachments: fmclogo.jpg; The Wolds Prelim Prop FMC.doc; Maryburn Prelim Prop FMC.doc

To Tony Sharpe
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ALEXANDRA

Attached here are the FMC submissions on the Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review for Maryburn Station and The Wolds. Both are due on 31 March

Could you please acknowledge receipt of these.

Regards



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Dear Tony

Maryburn Station – Submission on Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review

Federated Mountain Clubs represents clubs involved back country recreation with a particular focus on mountainous areas.

We have looked the proposals for the Maryburn and at the related documents on the conservation values and the Fish and Game Report. We are familiar with the site. We also note the proposed areas set aside for conservation and support these. We also support the recommendations in the Fish and Game report with respect to access.

We seek some additional changes which are outlined below.

1. Boulders area

We seek the addition of the Pink Elephant Boulders area, on the western end of the run in an area north of the Tekapo-Twizel main road up to and around spot height 623, to the area to be retained in public ownership for conservation. The boulders are a natural feature and have inherent value (s24(b)). Free and ready public access to these features also needs to be protected.

The area is of interest for rock climbers, walkers, geologists and anyone with an interest in natural values. This is the only area of easy access that contains a large number of boulders. These boulders were left after the retreat of Tasman Glacier over 10,000 years ago, and to wander in the boulder clad valley is an experience many people would enjoy.

This area is attracting climbing activity and the boulders are the focus of this. Boulder climbing is an activity attracting increasing interest in its own right. This area also provides some climbing practice areas which are available when climbers are rained out of the Southern Alps. Many of these climbers are offshore visitors.

A number of the larger boulders have already been equipped with top rope anchor points.

If the area is not retained in public ownership we would seek and an access provision over the area including the rocks. The existing grazing use is compatible with recreational use.

2. Mary Ridge

We consider the Mary Ridge to be a ridge to be a good walking route. An access easement along the crest of the ridge is all that is required. This would cross the block from the ridgeline in the Wolds to the southern boundary on ridge dropping to Simons Pass.

3. Legal Road Lines

We note that the legal road from near Simons Pass across the Maryburn to the CA1 block is not marked on the plan. It is critical for access to the CA1 block that this remain as a legal road where it crosses the land to be passed to the farmer near the Maryburn.

We also note that the legal roadline along Hayman Road and the old Tekapo-Twizel road is not marked on the plan. We consider that these both need to remain.

Other Comment

We have a major misgiving concerning the proposals which is not readily addressed under the Act's criteria for deciding tenure proposals. The lease, and the one neighbouring one, has an important scenic component that is not well addressed by the process and by the reports. The area involved is the foreground of some of New Zealand's key scenic vistas. The hydro canals, now also the route of Te Araroa, attach some tourist visits. The western end of this run includes the eastern slopes above Lake Pukaki and is part of the scenic vista from the lookouts off the main highway on the southern shore of Lake Pukaki, particularly the one near Dover Pass.

Others have interests in this aspect that are greater than ours. However, given the limitation of what can be done to protect this landscape aspect it would seem sensible to explore how the open space and scenic aspects could be protected before any freeholding of the land takes place. There is work being done on how better to protect and manage the landscape values of the Mackenzie Basin.

We would therefore accept the deferral of decisions on this proposal until after the Forum has had time to look at the overall issue of landscape in the Mackenzie basin. The mechanisms available to ensure sensitive management of the landscape may well be limited if land ownership change occurs before this process is complete.

Yours sincerely,



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25th February 2011-02-27

The Commissioner of Crown Lands

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Reference: Maryburn Tenure Review

Dear Sir

I am writing in support of the proposal of the Maryburn Tenure Review.

I have known the Murray family for over 20 years and support them in the Tenure Review process for Maryburn Station.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Oskar Rieder", written in a cursive style.

Oskar Rieder