

## Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : *MARYBURN*

Lease number : PT 041

### 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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21 February 2011

Nick Smith  
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Dear Mr Smith,

Re preliminary proposals for pastoral leases in the  
McKenzie country, namely The Wolds and  
Mangburn Stations.

I request that these proposals be withdrawn.  
Please allow the collaborative process to be  
completed before any further tenure reviews  
are undertaken. There are many areas of  
high conservation value in the McKenzie  
country currently under Crown ownership, which  
affords protection. Please do not allow any more  
land to be freeholded until we can safeguard  
their conservation values.

Yours sincerely, Susan Hall

Sarah Dowling

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From: Anne Roberts (MIN) [Anne.Roberts@parliament.govt.nz]  
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2011 11:47 a.m.  
To: Sharon Scheffers  
Subject: FW: Mackenzie country

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Appleyard (MIN)  
Sent: Monday, 21 February 2011 9:04 am  
To: Annie Roberts (MIN)  
Subject: FW: Mackenzie country

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To: M Williamson (MIN)  
Subject: Mackenzie country

Turning of New Zealand into cities and intensive farms is unacceptable. All it will do is make the crash worse when it happens. Time to leave the Mackenzie country alone and create a queens kilometre along the whole coastline and every river and stream. New Zealand is unique and the empty spaces open to all is part of that unique culture.

We already are losing much of our identity and becoming just another western factory farm with cityfied yuppies. You can help turn the tide even though you are a computer geek and live in a virtual world led by accountants. Looking forward to you and yours losing the election if you continue on the present track.

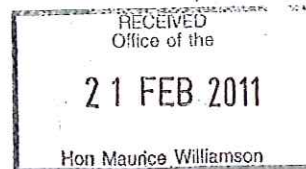
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16 February 2011

Nick Smith  
Minister for Environment  
C/o Parliament Buildings  
Wellington

Dear Hon. Nick Smith,

Please withdraw the preliminary proposals for The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases, and do not proceed to public advertising with all tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Country until completion of the collaborative process.

Nearly all of the least modified land with high conservation values in the Mackenzie Country is under Crown-owned pastoral leases. Freeholding these before the outcome of the collaborative process would foreclose future options.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Suzan Phillips". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Suzan Phillips

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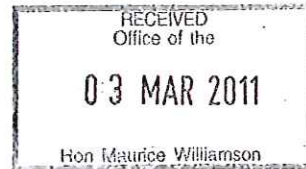
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Conservation Minister Kate Wilkinson  
Lands Information Minister Maurice Williamson ✓

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28 February 2011



Dr. Nick Smith  
Minister for the Environment  
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Dear Minister

Mackenzie Country Tenure Review Proposals

I wish to express my deep concern with respect to the recently released tenure review proposals relating to the two pastoral leases "The Wolds" and "Maryburn" in the Lake Pukaki area.

These leases are absolutely central to any potential conservation park for the Mackenzie area, the subject of current suggestion. If they should go ahead in their present form, the above tenure review proposals would almost certainly remove any opportunity to protect in perpetuity the significant inherent natural and landscape values of the Mackenzie Country. Once privatised, the inherent natural and landscape values will inevitably be under great threat from irrigation, dairying, forestry and other land intensification, including subdivision. Under the CPLA Section 24 (b), significant inherent values must be protected by the creation of protective mechanisms, with a preference for return to full Crown ownership and control. According to recent articles in the rural media, it in fact appears to be recognised by your Ministry that the tenure review process has not delivered protection of significant values for conservation in the Mackenzie region.

Furthermore, the tenure review proposals as they stand completely undermine the collaborative planning process currently being set up (with support from your Government) to work on a future for the Mackenzie.

I therefore wish to earnestly request that (1) no tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Basin proceed to public advertising until completion of the above collaborative process, and, in particular (2) that the preliminary proposals for The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases be withdrawn.

Yours sincerely

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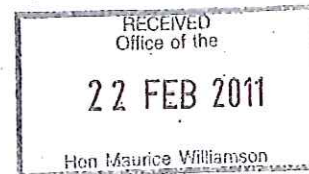
A.D. Johnson

cc. Kate Wilkinson  
Minister of Conservation

✓ Maurice Williamson  
Lands and Information Minister

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20 February 2011  
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The Honourable Nick Smith

Minister of the Environment

c/o Parliament Buildings

Wellington

Dear Sir,

**The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases**

I request that that the preliminary proposals for the Wolds and Maryburn leases be withdrawn and all tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Country should not proceed until completion of the collaborative process.

Nearly all of the least modified land with high conservation values in the Mackenzie Country is under Crown-owned pastoral leases. Freeholding these before the outcome of the collaborative process would shut off future options.

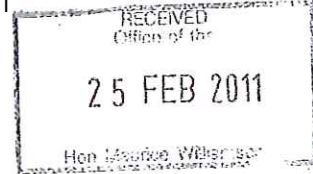
yours faithfully,

Robert P Lowe

Copies to: The Minister for Lands and Information: the Honourable Maurice Williamson

The Minister of Conservation; the Honourable Kate Wilkinson

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20 February 2011

Hon Nick Smith  
Minister for the Environment  
Parliament Buildings  
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Dear Dr Smith

We are concerned at the Government's proposals to freehold large areas of The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases between Lake Tekapo and Lake Pukaki. These areas are iconic landscapes of far greater potential significance to New Zealand in their pristine form than they will ever be through any agribusiness developments which might take place under private ownership.

We earnestly request you to consider withdrawing the preliminary proposals for The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases, and to ensure that no tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Country proceed to public advertising until completion of the collaborative process. Future options must remain open to protect this fragile landscape by retaining ownership of large parts of it. This could be done by continuing with pastoral leases or by adding significant areas to our public conservation estate, such as a Mackenzie dryland park. Future generations would gratefully recognise the far-sightedness of such a policy.

Yours faithfully

*A. C. McDonald*

Allen McDonald

*Judy McDonald*

Judy McDonald

CC Hon Maurice Williamson, Minister for Lands and Information

Hon Kate Wilkinson, Minister for Conservation

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**Gavin Rodley (MIN)**

**From:** Gavin Rodley (MIN)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 1 March 2011 7:57 am  
**To:** 'sally.sallyhope@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY tenure review PROPOSAL FOR MARYBURN PASTORAL LEASE

Dear Sally

On behalf of the Hon Kate Wilkinson - Minister of Conservation, I acknowledge and thank you for your recent email concerning the above matter.

Your comments have been noted.

I understand that the Hon Maurice Williamson, Minister for Land Information will be replying to you as the matter falls within his portfolio responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

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 Private Secretary for Conservation  
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**From:** sally hope [mailto:sally.sallyhope@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Sally Hope  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 3:07 pm  
**To:** K Wilkinson (MIN)  
**Subject:** SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY tenure review PROPOSAL FOR MARYBURN PASTORAL LEASE

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CONSERVATION MINISTER KATE WILKINSON

**SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY TENURE REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR MARYBURN PASTORAL LEASE**

**Submission**

My submission requests that the Preliminary Proposal for Maryburn be withdrawn as it fails to implement the objects of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act, (CPLA) 1998. It fails to protect extensive areas with significant inherent values including the extensive Maryburn outwash plain, the moraines between Lake Pukaki and the crest of the Mary Range, the eastern slopes of Mary Range, Mary Burn Stream and wetlands, and the northern wetland. These areas have been identified as having outstanding significant inherent values (SIVs) that warrant protection as public conservation land under Part 2 of the CPLA.

**The proposal should be withdrawn.**

**My submission includes the following points included in the proposed preliminary proposal that do not meet the objects of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act :**

- Proposed freeholding of lands between Lake Pukaki and crest of Mary Range – including Pukaki lateral moraine. The area should be protected as conservation land for its SIVs, including the nationally significant terminal moraine site, the acutely and chronically threatened plants, the outstanding sequence of significant ecosystems, including short

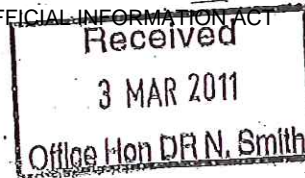


tussock grasslands and remnant shrublands on low hill country, alluvial terraces, stony fans and terraces, kettleholes and turf communities.

- Proposed freeholding of Maryburn outwash plain, a large triangle of land between SH8 and Tekapo River. This area should be protected as conservation land to protect the full range of significant inherent values (SIVs). This is one of the classic Mackenzie landscapes of short tussock-covered outwash plain.
- Proposed freeholding of eastern slopes Mary Range with no landscape covenant. This area requires a sustainable land management or a landscape covenant to protect the outstanding landscape SIVs as it is relatively unmodified with few structures and a significant feature when viewed from SH8.
- Proposed freeholding of Mary Burn Stream and wetlands. At least 3 km of the stream and its riparian shrublands and catchment should be protected as a conservation area. Freeholding would not promote the ecologically sustainable management of the stream and wetlands because of the impact of continued stock grazing.
- Proposed freeholding of northern wetland connected to Maryburn Stream  
Wetlands are a priority habitat for protection. This site of special wildlife interest for birds should be protected by a s77 Reserves Act covenant to ensure ecologically sustainable management. Ongoing grazing will result in continued degradation otherwise.
- The extensive freeholding on Maryburn will not promote ecologically sustainable management. Continued grazing and pastoral intensification of wetlands, short tussock grasslands, shrublands and other communities with SIVs will degrade their healthy functioning and replace indigenous vegetation and habitats with exotic grasses. The impacts of cultivation and pastoral intensification will be irreversible and will not meet the objectives of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act.

Yours sincerely, **Sally Hope**, Mackenzie Country land owner.

PS. The lakesides need to be preserved for everyone to enjoy, rather than by a few house and lifestyle block owners. We all know the Lake shores in Europe have been subdivided and privatised to the exclusion of the general public access. This is the inevitable outcome if the Tenure Review goes ahead as planned for these areas.



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14 February 2011

Ministers of the Environment, Conservation, and Lands & Information  
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Dear Dr Smith, Ms Wilkinson, and Mr Williamson

### MACKENZIE COUNTRY: ENVIRONMENT, CONSERVATION, LAND TENURE

I attended the Mackenzie Country Symposium in December, at which Dr Smith presented a Government perspective. I note the emphasis he placed on community participation – as a resident of Canterbury, frequent visitor to the Mackenzie Country and Lake Benmore, and former MWD employee who worked on the Upper Waitaki Scheme, I regard myself as a legitimate stakeholder. At the Symposium, several valuable presentations, notably by representatives of MAF, Landcare Research, and ECan, made clear the biodiversity, soil and water conservation values of the grassland ecosystems of the Mackenzie – despite their long history of pastoral agriculture. It was clear *inter alia* that (a) the Mackenzie Basin contains a significant proportion of New Zealand's small remaining area of lowland grasslands; (b) the maintenance of these indigenous vegetation assemblages is not consistent with contemporary pasture management practice; (c) the capacity of Lake Benmore to assimilate contaminants from upstream runoff is limited, and the extension of intensive farming is likely to result in rapid degradation of water quality (*in extremis*, eutrophication of the lake); (d) data from indicator high country properties show the low or zero profitability of pastoral agriculture here unless dramatic intensification – needing abundant water and fertilizer – is undertaken.

I believe that it is in the national interest to retain in public ownership the Basin's core area of largely indigenous vegetation, to conserve significant inherent values – biodiversity, soil, water, distinctive geological/geomorphic features, and amenity values. The extent of this core area is well defined by research carried out by Landcare scientists; its incorporation into the conservation estate would be entirely consistent with the purposes of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act (sec 24) and Conservation Act, and would not preclude appropriately managed agricultural use of other parts of the Mackenzie Basin that have lesser natural values.

I understand that a Mackenzie Sustainable Futures Trust is being established, collaboratively to develop an approach to sustainable use and conservation of the Mackenzie Basin. I also have seen proposals for tenure review of the Wolds and Maryburn Stations, which envisage freeholding for agriculture several thousand hectares of the Basin that could have higher values for ecosystem services and conservation. It seems completely inappropriate to be proceeding with these reviews (and, presumably, other reviews of leasehold properties in the Basin), when a collaborative process supposedly is being established. **I therefore request that the Government shows good faith to the entire community of stakeholders, and suspends tenure review in the Mackenzie Basin until the Trust has completed its work.**

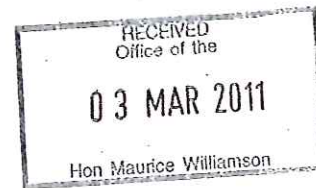
Yours sincerely,

M P Mosley (Dr)

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Ms Kate Wilkinson, MP  
 Conservation Minister  
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Dear Minister,

### **The Mackenzie Country**

I understand that the Government proposes to change the pasture leases on much of the Mackenzie Country into freehold which would allow the occupiers to change the present farming practises towards more intensive ones, including dairying. This seems to me to be a very retrograde step, that is quite unwarranted.

I spent most of the first three years of my life in the Mackenzie country, as my father had the pastoral lease of Tekapo Station. Every time I have visited that area since then, once after an absence of about forty years, I have experienced an intense emotion. During my first three years, I must have been imprinted with the unique character of the area. I experience no similar feeling for any other of the other places where I have lived. I mention this personal phenomenon to indicate that there is something very special about the Mackenzie Country.

For family reasons, I left New Zealand for Britain in my childhood, but since the 1970's have paid visits to New Zealand, and returned two years ago, after the death of my English wife, to spend my final days in the land of my birth, among most of my relations. I was educated in England and then pursued a career as a research ecologist, specialising, myself, in freshwaters and their fish. For the last ten years of formal employment, I was director of the institute. It had gained recognition as one of the leading institutes for research in freshwater ecology in the world. I also had a part time interest in wildlife conservation and, over time, was, successively chairman of the wildlife trust in two English counties. I have also been a visiting professor in an English and American university, and a member of a small number of national or regional committees in Britain concerned with science and conservation. I mention all this to show that I have some experience in both ecology and practical wildlife conservation.

Since my return to New Zealand, I have visited the Mackenzie Country, where a niece and her husband farmed a sheep station; which their son has now taken over. During my last

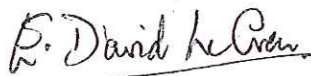
visit, I learnt about the new development of breeding of merino sheep to provide good quality meat as well as fine wool and thus increase the financial return from them. I was also shown the transformation, with irrigation, of one part of the Mackenzie Country into dairy farms and the destruction of the unique scenery in that area. I also understand, from reputable sources, that the Mackenzie Country is the habitat for several species of native plants and animals, several of them, like the black stilt, very rare and confined to very few places like the Mackenzie country in New Zealand. (I have also seen the effort made by my relations to preserve one of the few breeding sites for the black stilt).

I appreciate the wish of farmers to increase their income, but wonder if, what may be only a few years of increased profit, is really worth the loss of an area of unique tussock country. Even though much of my family's limited wealth has come from New Zealand's land, I am glad that, so far, it has not been at scenic and conservation cost. One of my sadnesses on my return to New Zealand has been the ugly results of spray irrigation on much of the Canterbury Plains. As a professional freshwater ecologist, I also worry about the effects of this on the flows in the braided rivers and enrichment of rivers, groundwater and lakes from increased fertilisation. The vast majority of the population who live in urban areas and value freshwater for their recreation, in my view, have grounds for concern with the great increase in dairying, and so more intensive farming. They will come to value even more the few wild, unimproved areas of farmland that will, hopefully, remain. As will the tourists from abroad, who, with this new proposal, will no longer travel through fine wild tussock scenery on their way to the Mount Cook area.

I therefore hope that you, and your colleagues in the Government, will think again about destroying the conservation values and unique scenic beauty of the Mackenzie Country.

I am sending copies of this letter to several of your ministerial colleagues.

Yours sincerely,



E. D. Le Cren.

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A1015247**Sarah Dowling**

**From:** Anne Roberts (MIN) [Anne.Roberts@parliament.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 11:47 a.m.  
**To:** Sharon Scheffers  
**Subject:** FW: Mackenzie Country

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Michael Appleyard (MIN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 February 2011 9:03 am  
**To:** Anne Roberts (MIN)  
**Subject:** FW: Mackenzie Country

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**From:** Graeme Jeffery [mailto:jefferyjg@xtra.co.nz]  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 February 2011 7:32 pm  
**To:** K Wilkinson (MIN); M Williamson (MIN)  
**Subject:** Mackenzie Country

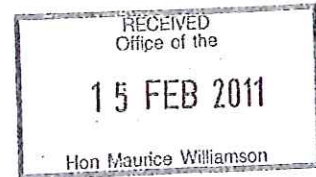
Please keep the Mackenzie Country as it is and stop these destructive tenure reviews. Like many others I'm sick to death of this very ,very special and unique place being mindlessly destroyed just to keep some greedy corporate farmers happy .This land belongs to all of us , and to future generations , not just a few privileged bigwigs . Leave us with something that we can all treasure please .The destruction in the area has gone far to far all ready with very few people any better of , and a lot very unhappy . There are even filthy dairy cows right next to the Twizel River now . This water is pristine and polluting it like this is degraeful . Have ECan gone mad . Oh! I forgot, they aren't elected and obviously don't represent peoples interest in the enviroment anymore.

It's clearly a case of " who pays the piper " in this area and the corporate farmers (often North Islanders ) must be looked after while real locals , cribby"s ,campers ,fisherman ,trampers and tourists etc are disregarded . Its time to stop this madness ,please

Graeme ,Jane ,Nicola and Jennifer Jeffery

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9 February 2011



**The Minister of Lands and Information  
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**Dear Mr. Williamson**

**Tenure Review - Wolds and Maryburn Pastoral Leases.**

I write to ask that the preliminary proposals for the Wolds and Maryburn Pastoral Leases be withdrawn, and all tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Country not proceed to public advertising, until completion of the Collaborative Process.

As nearly all of the least modified land with high conservation values in the Mackenzie Country is Crown owned Pastoral Leases, **freeholding them now before the outcome of the collaborative process will foreclose future options.**

I welcome your comments.

  
John Lee

**Sarah Dowling**

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**From:** Anne Roberts (MIN) [Anne.Roberts@parliament.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 11:47 a.m.  
**To:** Sharon Scheffers  
**Subject:** FW: The Mackenzie Basin needs your protection

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Michael Appleyard (MIN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 21 February 2011 9:04 am  
**To:** Anne Roberts (MIN)  
**Subject:** FW: The Mackenzie Basin needs your protection

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**From:** webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz [mailto:webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz] On Behalf Of Forest  
 and Bird  
**Sent:** Saturday, 19 February 2011 11:23 pm  
**To:** J Key (MIN); K Wilkinson (MIN); N Smith (MIN); M Williamson (MIN)  
**Subject:** The Mackenzie Basin needs your protection

Submitted on 02/19/2011 - 23:23

Submitted by anonymous user: [118.93.202.69]

Your email : [jholdom@ihug.co.nz](mailto:jholdom@ihug.co.nz)

Body:

Dear Mr Key, and Ministers Wikinson and Smith

I love our beautiful brown Mackenzie Basin with all its precious native plants and animals, and I don't want it to become another Canterbury Plains with giant pivot irrigators turning it bright green.

Your Government – as landlord of the pastoral leases that make up much of the Mackenzie – can protect this wonderful landscape by retaining ownership of large parts of it. This can be done by continuing with pastoral leases or by adding significant areas to our public conservation estate. I encourage you to consider creating a Mackenzie dryland park.

Please make it a priority to protect this fragile landscape and the endangered plants and creatures it sustains. It is loved by Kiwis and tourists from around the world, and we will all be the losers if this unique, natural part of New Zealand is destroyed.

We need to remind ourselves that our flora and fauna diversity is being continually damaged and reduced, and it is crucial that the NZ government continues to be the owner, and does not allow any activities that will harm it, change it.

Forest and Bird's concept of a Mackenzie Dryland Park is an excellent proposal, and I urge you to accept it, and facilitate RF&B's efforts to further develop it, and assist them to inform both the people in and nearby to the Mackenzie Basin, and the rest of us in New Zealand.

So, I urge that any plans to privatise the pastoral leases that make up much of the Mackenzie be cancelled, and that the Dept of Conservation, and the Ministry for the Environment be resourced to ensure that any harm already occurring is stopped and vigorously alleviated.

In peace

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**Sarah Dowling**

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**From:** Anne Roberts (MIN) [Anne.Roberts@parliament.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 11:49 a.m.  
**To:** Sharon Scheffers  
**Subject:** FW: McKenzie Basin Pastoral Leases

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**From:** Michael Appleyard (MIN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 9:02 am  
**To:** Anne Roberts (MIN)  
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**From:** basil and ann [mailto:basilann@nettel.net.nz]  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 February 2011 6:42 pm  
**To:** M Williamson (MIN)  
**Subject:** McKenzie Basin Pastoral Leases

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The Honourable Maurice Williamson

Minister to LINZ

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Dear Minister

**Preliminary Tenure Review Proposals**

1/04/2011



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**for the Wolds and Maryburn Crown Pastoral Leases**

We request your support for the formation of a "dry lands" Conservation Park in the McKenzie Basin.

We ask you to support the withdrawal of the preliminary proposals for any privatisation of the Wolds or Maryburn pastoral leases in this area of significant landscape, ecological and recreational values under the Crown Pastoral Lands Act 1998.

We also ask that you support the halt of all tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Country until completion of the collaborative process to determine the future management of these national resources.

Yours sincerely

Basil and Ann Graeme

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**Gavin Rodley (MIN)**

**From:** Gavin Rodley (MIN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 10:05 am  
**To:** 'tameaton1@gmail.com'  
**Subject:** Protection for the Mackenzie Basin / tenure review on The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases in the Mackenzie Country

Dear Tam

The Hon Kate Wilkinson, Minister of Conservation has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your recent email concerning the above matters. The Minister has noted your comments.

You will receive a reply, on behalf of the Government, from the Hon Maurice Williamson, Minister for Land Information shortly.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz [mailto:webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz] On Behalf Of Forest and Bird  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 February 2011 1:19 pm  
**To:** J Key (MIN); K Wilkinson (MIN); N Smith (MIN); M Williamson (MIN)  
**Subject:** Save our Mackenzie Basin / Tenure review on The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases in the Mackenzie Country

Submitted on 02/25/2011 - 13:18  
 Submitted by anonymous user: [60.234.197.176]

Your email : [tameaton1@gmail.com](mailto:tameaton1@gmail.com)  
 Body:  
 Dear Mr Key

I am writing to you in your capacity as my local MP and Prime Minister.

Tenure review has proved a deeply flawed process which is leading to devastating outcomes for some of our most iconic landscapes, flora and fauna.

This will leave deep scars on our country in perpetuity.

To be specific in regard to the Mackenzie Basin this was country identified for a Conservation Park. This country includes iconic landscapes that stir the hearts of both New Zealanders and overseas tourists alike.

This is the home of some of the last vestiges of our native tussock grasslands and, rare and threatened native species.

We all thrill to the big sky stretching out over the horizon, towering mountain ranges and uncluttered shorelines of Lake Pukaki.

The idea of freeholding which will open this precious land up to the ravages of subdivision is truly horrifying.

Intensive farming including our headlong rush into ubiquitous dairying is leading to the wholesale destruction of our waterways despite weasel words regarding mitigation of these risks. We need only look at the Manawatu to know how badly 'big dairy' has served in this regard.

I love our beautiful brown Mackenzie Basin with all its precious native plants and animals, and I don't want it to become another Canterbury Plains with giant pivot irrigators turning it bright green.

Your Government - as landlord of the pastoral leases that make up much of the Mackenzie - can protect this wonderful landscape by retaining ownership of large parts of it. This can be done by continuing with pastoral leases or by adding significant areas to our public conservation estate. I encourage you to consider creating a Mackenzie dryland park.

Please make it a priority to protect this fragile landscape and the endangered plants and creatures it sustains. It is loved by Kiwis and tourists from around the world, and we will all be the losers if this unique, natural part of New Zealand is destroyed.

Yours sincerely

Tam Eaton

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**Sarah Dowling**

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**From:** Anne Roberts (MIN) [Anne.Roberts@parliament.govt.nz]  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011, 11:49 a.m.  
**To:** Sharon Scheffers  
**Subject:** FW: The Mackenzie Basin needs your protection

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** Michael Appleyard (MIN)  
**Sent:** Monday, 28 February 2011 9:00 am  
**To:** Anne Roberts (MIN)  
**Subject:** FW: The Mackenzie Basin needs your protection

Hi Anne

Please see below from the Minister's public email.

Thanks  
 Michael

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz [mailto:webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz] On Behalf Of Forest  
 and Bird  
**Sent:** Friday, 25 February 2011 11:13 am  
**To:** J Key (MIN); K Wilkinson (MIN); N Smith (MIN); M Williamson (MIN)  
**Subject:** The Mackenzie Basin needs your protection

Submitted on 02/25/2011 - 11:12  
 Submitted by anonymous user: [203.184.60.51]

Your email : dibbohogan@slingshot.co.nz  
 Body:  
 Dear Mr Key

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New Zealand's biodiversity is precious and essential to our existence and identity as New Zealanders.

thanks