

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

Lease name : *MARYBURN*

Lease number : PT 041

Public Submissions Part 5

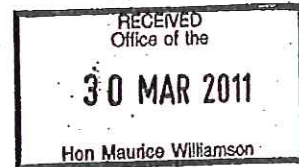
These submissions were received as a result of the public advertising of the Preliminary Proposal for Tenure Review.

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8 Banker Cres.
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 28 March 2011



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Hon. Nick Smith
 Minister for the Environment
 of Parliament Buildings
 Wellington

Dear Mr. Smith,

Re: Pastoral leases for Maryburn and the Wolds.

I am writing to ask that the preliminary proposals for the Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases be withdrawn, and all tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Country do not proceed to public advertising until the completion of the collaborative process.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.

My motivation for making this request stems from the time I worked on a sheep station in the Mackenzie Country. The landscape and the night sky are unforgettable. In close proximity to Mary Burn and the Wolds is the Mt John Observatory which is gaining world-wide recognition as a site of special value.

for observing the night sky. There is an opportunity to realise a unique vision for the Mackenzie Basin.

As an amateur botanist, ecologist and artist I understand the need to protect the ecological areas identified by expert botanists, entomologists, ecologists and Department of Conservation staff as having significant inherent values.

The documents enclosed outline the areas which the preliminary proposal (PP) fails to protect and the aspects of P.P. which do not meet the objects of the Pastoral Lands Act. (PLA)
I endorse these documents.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Davey

Susan Davey

enc. x2 docs.

- cc.1. Hon. Maurice Williamson
Minister of Lands and Information
2. Hon. Kate Wilkinson,
Minister of Conservation

MARY BURN PROPOSAL

The Preliminary Proposal for Maryburn 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 (siv's) 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:

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.

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

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 a significant feature when viewed from the SH8.

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.

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.

Bailey 29.3.11

THE WOLDS PROPOSAL

The Preliminary Proposal for the Wolds fails to protect the extensive outwash plains, the Maryburn wetland catchment, the Tekapo River terraces and slopes of Mary Range, Paterson Ponds and the outwash terraces on the unoccupied Crown Land which have been identified by expert botanists, entomologists, ecologists and Department of Conservation Staff as having significant values that warrant protection as public conservation land under the objects of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act, (CPLA).

The proposal also fails to provide secure public access to enable the public to enjoy the prominent Mackenzie Basin landmark, Mt Mary from SH8.

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

All of the Maryburn Wetland catchment and Maryburn Stream – Extension to Proposed Scientific Reserve.

This area has outstanding values associated with wetlands, and streams, shrubby moraines and short tussock grasslands. It contains habitat for threatened species. To fulfil the objects of the CPLA this area needs to be protected as public conservation land as an extension to the proposed Scientific Reserve.

Western slopes Mary Range overlooking Lake Pukaki – Public Conservation Land

- This area contains outstanding landscapes, nationally rare wetland ecosystems and important dry land vegetation and shrublands, remnants of pre human vegetation. To fulfil the objects of the CPLA this area needs to be protected as public conservation land.
- Seek funding to support DOC in controlling the wilding pines that the lessee has abandoned.

Southeast Face Mary Range – Landscape Covenant

This area has relatively unmodified landscapes with remnant short tussock grasslands and shrublands that are highly visible from a major tourist route. A Reserves Act Landscape Covenant is needed to protect the landscapes associated with remaining indigenous vegetation, the uncluttered open landscape and extensive views.

Tekapo River Terraces – Extension to Proposed CA 1

The proposed CA1 needs to be extended to protect all of the special values, including habitats for threatened plants, lizards and birds.

Outwash Plain east of Mary Range and SH8 and NE Triangle Unoccupied Crown Land – Conservation Area

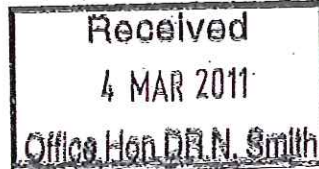
These areas contain important landscape and conservation values associated with threatened environments, habitats and species and relatively natural open, highly visible landscapes adjoining a major road and tourist route.

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How Nick Smith

I ask that the proposals for the Wolds + Maryburn
 pastoral leases be withdrawn & all tenure
 reviews in the Mackenzie Country not proceed
 to public advertising until completion of
 a collaborative process. Future options
 must be open to discussion - the
 public must be able to express their
 love of this unique country.
 Please preserve this magnificent
 country - a Premier tourist trail travels
 through the Mackenzie Country and it
 is loved by Kiwis for its special features.

Yours sincerely
 Jill Burdett
 J. Burdett

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Office of Hon Kate Wilkinson

Hon Kate Wilkinson

Please carefully consider Proposals
for the Doldo & Mangburns pastoral
leases - they should be withdrawn
& all tenure reviews in the Mackenzie
Country not proceed to public advertising
until completion of a collaborative
process.

The special landscape of the McKenzie
will be destroyed if pivot irrigators
are allowed to water vast expanses of
pastures for intensive farming.

this Premier tourist trail
is a unique place loved by Kiwis &
tourists.

Please consider your own legacy
as minister of Conservation - would
you be proud to be involved in
destroying this heritage?

Yours sincerely

Jill Burdett
Jill

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Gavin Rodley (MIN)

From: Gavin Rodley (MIN)
Sent: Wednesday, 23 February 2011 7:56 am
To: 'keeweess@xtra.co.nz'
Subject: Tenure reviews: Pastoral leases - The Wolds and Maryburn Stations

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Hon Maurice Williamson

Dear Julian

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

The Minister has noted your comments and referred your email to the Hon Maurice Williamson, Minister for Land Information for his consideration. The matter falls within his portfolio responsibilities.

Yours sincerely

Gavin Rodley
Private Secretary for Conservation
Office of the Hon Kate Wilkinson
Telephone: 04 817 9150 (direct dial)
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Mobile: 0274 861538

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

From: Julian [mailto:keeweess@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Monday, 21 February 2011 9:31 pm
To: K Wilkinson (MIN)
Subject: pastoral lease

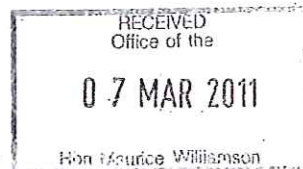
to kate

i am writing to oppose the proposed tenure review decision on The wolds and maryburn stations giving a large majority to private ownership. this is utterly inappropriate as it is public land, our land and should stay in public ownership for future generations.

regards julian ballance FRACS

20 February 2011

Mary Barry
6 Bradford Street
Parnell



Nick Smith
Environment Minister
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

127 033

Dear Mr Smith

Re: High Country Mackenzie Country review

I am interested in the proposed sale of the pastoral leases for the high country land that is currently up for review. We have family living in this region where they own land and we visit several times a year.

The tenure of these leases must, in the interests of the public who own them, be completely and fully reviewed. Inputs in a public forum are the proper democratic process for this. Farmers, the public, conservationists, and in particular water resource experts need to be heard. The current proposal from the government through LINZ to freehold 90% of The Wolds and 58% of Maryburn is premature. The glacial landscapes, rare upland wetlands and endangered plants and birds need protection not privatisation. A plan and vision for the future of New Zealand's publicly owned high country lands is needed, not a piecemeal sell off to a few farmers.

The New Zealand public deserves better than this. Until we have a completed consultative process and worthy vision for the future, all reviews of the Mackenzie High Country tenures must be on hold.

Once privatised, more intensive farming, over and above what has happened already, will occur. Along with that will come loss of habitat for our native birds and plants. This loss is permanent and we cannot condone such loss when we have an opportunity for protection. Those wonderful tussock lands belong to us all. We need a **drylands park** with appropriate plans for protection, management and public access.

I was through the region earlier this month. I could only lament the short-sighted intensive farming on fragile land using aquifers that cannot be renewed with irrigators in the middle of the day spouting out water over huge areas.

You have an important chance to be remembered as a Minister who understood the challenge and worked to save the remaining golden tussock grasslands.

I oppose these tenure review proposals from government and ask that they be withdrawn, put on hold and then a better vision for this precious land can be developed.

Yours sincerely

Mary Barry

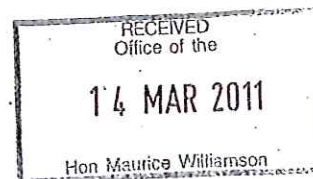
Cc Maurice Williamson Lands Information Minister, Kate Wilkinson Conservation Minister

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Apartment 703
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February 25 2011

Copy to
Hon Maurice Williamson
Minister of Lands and Information
Parliament Buildings
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Hon Nick Smith
Minister for the Environment
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

Dear Mr Smith

McKenzie Country Tenure Review Submission

As South Islanders who have loved the unique environment of the McKenzie Country for a lifetime, we are concerned that this precious heritage be protected for future generations.

We formally request that the tenure review proposals for the Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases be withdrawn until a robust process of public consultation has taken place. In our view, the freeholding of Crown-owned pastoral leases such as these before the outcome of a collaborative process that enables New Zealand citizens with a stake in this magnificent part of our heritage to have their say, would be a serious error that might put at risk the future of this high conservation value land.

If these tenure reviews go ahead, large tracts of the McKenzie Country could be lost to intensive development and agribusiness, involving cultivation and irrigation, changing forever the landscape and tussock vegetation that makes this area so special to New Zealanders and threatening the habitats of endangered species such as native bats and the blue duck.

The National Government has a responsibility to ensure that the wild McKenzie landscape remains so in perpetuity, something that the majority of New Zealanders certainly want to ensure. We ask that the above action be taken and a more accountable process for managing tenure review be instituted.

Yours sincerely

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Gordon K Brown

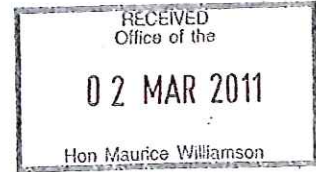
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Shirley C Brown (Mrs)

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cc response
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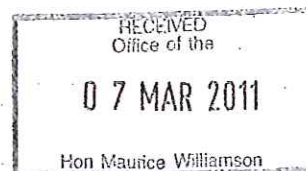
Dear Mr. Williamson

Due to high conservation values of the Wolds, Maryburn and the Mackenzie country I implore you to withdraw preliminary proposals, pastoral releases and public advertising until full completion of a collaborative process.

Yours Sincerely

John Bryant

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7 Armour Avenue
Mt. Victoria,
Wellington 6011

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The Land Information Minister
Maurice Williamson
c/- Parliament Buildings
Wellington

3rd March 2011

Dear Mr Williamson

I am writing to express my deep concern over the government's current actions on land tenure in the Mackenzie Basin. I had understood that the government was working with local, regional and national organisations to develop a plan to manage the Mackenzie Basin so that precious bird and plant life, together with the unique landscapes would be protected for future generations. Now I hear that two pastoral leases are up for tenure review and privatisation.

How serious can a government be in preserving our unique places if it starts selling off public land before an overarching management plan for the area is established? We all know that many of the plants and birds, not to mention the landforms in the area are of significant inherent value.

I understand that all but 757 ha of the 7,934 ha of The Wolds is to be freeholded. This pastoral lease contains one of the Basin's most important wetlands as well as amazing tussock land and glacial landforms.

The Maryburn Pastoral lease is centred in the heart of the Mackenzie Basin and includes glacial outwash plains, and wetlands which provide shelter and succour for many threatened native species of plant and birdlife.

I have flown over the Mackenzie Basin recently and was appalled to see how far these priceless dry tussock lands had been overtaken by irrigated farmland. I urge that all work towards the preparation of The Wolds and Maryburn for privatisation be stopped until a plan for the whole Basin is developed in a way that is ecologically sustainable. Future generations of New Zealanders have a right to enjoy public access to our most iconic landscapes. Flogging off public land which is part of our heritage may help the government's kitty in the short term but, just as our lowland forests were virtually wiped out by generations before us, I guarantee that future generations will ask what justified the destruction of such precious a landform as the Mackenzie Basin

Yours sincerely

Janet Coburn

cc. Conservation Minister Kate Wilkinson
Environment Minister Nick Smith

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Friday 19th February 2011

Mr Nick Smith
Minister of the Environment
The Beehive
WELLINGTON

Dear Mr Smith

We have recently heard that the precious Mackenzie Country is up for grabs.

We were very shocked and sad indeed to hear this news; that we (as New Zealanders) could lose this wonderful area of The Wolds and Maryburn in Central Otago to intensive development and agribusiness, involving cultivation and irrigation. Don't misunderstand us, we both take an interest in agricultural practices and understand their necessity.

We are both very passionate New Zealanders and proud to be so; mainly because we love our country and its wonderful environment. We both enjoy tramping, cycling, photography and take a great interest in our flora and fauna which is quite unique indeed.

When we retired, we both decided that we wanted to enjoy our country as much as possible. To enable us to live "our dream", we sold our house and lived in our motorhome for seven years. During that time, we met many overseas visitors who filled with awe when they saw our magnificent scenery with its stunning colours and wonderful skies. It is a desert-like climate where robust creatures have specially adapted to living in this highly inhospitable climate of arid soils and scorching sunshine. We recognise it as a special place and treat it with respect.

We are both in our early 70's, and upon hearing this proposal for the Mackenzie country, we wonder what will be left in that area for our grandchildren and great grandchildren to enjoy when they want to explore our beautiful country. Upon hearing today that there is a possibility that the Government has released proposals to freehold areas of The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases between Lake Tekapo and Lake Pukaki - is surely madness or is it the "blind leading the blind?" If it goes ahead, it could be the beginning of an environmental disaster.

This area of New Zealand is so special, not only to us Kiwis, but to anyone who has travelled to our beautiful country and has been stunned by the feeling of space and the beauty. We have met many visitors from other countries who tell us we must protect what we have.

We are against this proposal very much so. On our travels, we got and still get, such a kick out of listening to visitors talking about our wonderful Mackenzie country with its pristine environment, its richness in colour, being able to see for ever; it is unlike any other

place in New Zealand. It is an artist's dream.

What on earth are those who want it to happen, thinking of? We, who live in this country and appreciate its environment and what it has to offer, don't want this development to go ahead.

PLEASE SAVE IT AS IT IS FOR OUR FUTURE CHILDRENS' CHILDREN TO LOVE AND TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY.

Yours sincerely

G. M. Baddeley
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Gillian M Baddeley

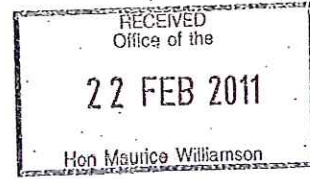
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Robert Baddeley

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David Minister - copy for your information

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Mt Cook
Wellington 6021
20 February 2011



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Hon Nick Smith
Environment Minister
Parliament Buildings
Wellington.

Dear Nick Smith,

I am disturbed to learn of preliminary proposals for tenure review of The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases in the Mackenzie Country.

If such proposals eventuated and the land was privatised, spectacular glacial landscapes around Lake Pukaki including important wetlands, tussock, shrublands and rare birdlife - all of significant inherent value - would be put at risk, as intensive land use proceeded.

I ask that these preliminary proposals be withdrawn, and all tenure reviews in the Mackenzie Country not proceed to public advertising until the collaborative process is complete.

Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

Yours sincerely

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Anne Roberts (MIN)

From: Michael Appleyard (MIN)
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2011 3:16 pm
To: Anne Roberts (MIN)
Subject: FW: Maryburn-station Mckenzie country Tenure Review
Attachments: submission - Maryburn.doc

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Hi Anne

Please see below from the Minister's public email.

Thanks
 Michael

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From: Brett Naisby [mailto:brett@customwalks.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2011 1:14 pm
To: sharpe@darroch.co.nz
Cc: J Key (MIN); K Wilkinson (MIN); M Williamson (MIN)
Subject: Maryburn station Mckenzie country Tenure Review

SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY TENURE REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR MARYBURN PASTORAL LEASE

Dear Mr Sharpe,

Please find attached, my submission. I regret that due to circumstances arising from the earthquake in Christchurch I have failed to send a hard copy of this submission to you before the March 4 deadline. I would be grateful that you accept this emailed submission as a de facto submission.

Thanks and regards,

Brett Naisby
 Manager,
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Sharon Scheffers

From: Anne Roberts (MIN) [Anne.Roberts@parliament.govt.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 March 2011 4:23 p.m.
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Hi Anne

Please see below from the Minister's public email.

Thanks
Michael

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To: Tony Sharpe,

From: S. Brett Naisby
48 Hawford Road
Opawa 8023, Christchurch

March 2, 2011

Tony.sharpe@darroch.co.nz

CC: Prime Minister John Key j.key@ministers.govt.nz

Conservation Minister Kate Wilkinson k.wilkinson@ministers.govt.nz

Land Information Minister Maurice Williamson m.williamson@ministers.govt.nz

SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY TENURE REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR MARYBURN PASTORAL LEASE

Dear Mr. Sharpe,

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,

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Lizzi Diehl (MIN)

Received
02 MAR 2011
Office of Hon Simon Power

From: Lesley Read [lesley@read.org.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 1 March 2011 11:30 p.m.
To: S Power (MIN)
Subject: Proposals regarding the Mackenzie Country leaseholds, The Wolds and Maryburn.
Attachments: Mackenzie.doc

Hon. Simon Power, Justice Minister, please find attached my submission regarding the Mackenzie Country, leaseholds of The Wolds and Maryburn.
Lesley Read, Cloverlea, 102 No. 1 Line, RD 5, Palmerston North, 4475.

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COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION

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A submission regarding the proposal for The Wolds and Maryburn pastoral leases.

I am writing out of concern for the preservation of the immense visual value of the Mackenzie landscape for New Zealanders, and others, for the preservation of its land as a harbour for flora and fauna natural to its environment, some ephemeral, rare and unique to its environment, and for its extraordinary topology.

I refer to these features of the Mackenzie as of significant inherent value under the Crown Pastoral Land Act 1998 (CPLA 1998) part 2 (b) (i) and (ii) and seek assurance from government that protective mechanisms are put in place for their conservation. I seek assurance that actions are seen to be taken to achieve this, and with it the restoration of the land of The Wolds and Maryburn to full Crown ownership and control, until holistic interests of the greater Mackenzie are investigated.

Under CPLA 1998 2 (a) (i) I submit that these reviewable leasehold lands of The Wolds and Maryburn require management that can be guaranteed to the people of Aotearoa New Zealand as ecologically sustainable.

Of special and particular note for informed, dedicated and carefully planned management of their environment are the rare and endemic plants, the species of native fish, the insects and the threatened birds of the Mackenzie. Relevant to this management is the conservation of the magnificent braided rivers upon which the life of many is dependent. Especially threatening for the survival of much of the flora and fauna is the establishment of watering and fertilizing innovations for industrial scale farming, grossly damaging and unnatural to the habitat.

I understand that the Department of Conservation has proposed a drylands park in the Mackenzie region. I understand Forest and Bird is asking Government to set up a body to plan comprehensively and long term for the Mackenzie region as natural resource and as cultural heritage. I seek that the freeing of leaseholds is held over until Government can move in a collaborative way with interested parties to determine the long term viability of the Mackenzie's total natural ecology.

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It is inspiringly beautiful, uniquely, for itself and for the life it inherently sustains.

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LINZONE
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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: McKenzie Basin

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

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

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

From: webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz [mailto:webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz] On Behalf Of Forest
 and Bird
Sent: Friday, 18 February 2011 9:50 pm
To: J Key (MIN); K Wilkinson (MIN); N Smith (MIN); M Williamson (MIN)
Subject: McKenzie Basin

Submitted on 02/18/2011 - 21:50
 Submitted by anonymous user: [124.197.16.63]

Your email : griffo65@slingshot.co.nz

Body:

Dear Mr Key

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. It certainly is no place for Dairy Farming, you as a Canterbury boy must know this land and how beautiful it is because of its brownness, so unique.

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.

Regards Mia Griffiths