

Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review

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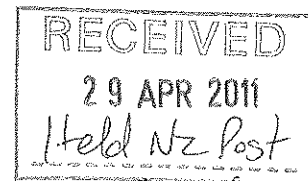
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THE WOLDS PASTORAL LEASE TENURE REVIEW PRELIMINARY
PROPOSAL

I am **opposed** to the preliminary Tenure Review proposal for the Wolds because the proposal does not fulfil the objectives of the Crown Lands Pastoral Act (CPLA).

The proposal does not protect significant inherent values nor does it promote the management of reviewable land with significant inherent values in a way that is ecologically sustainable required by the CPLA Section 24 (a) (i).

Under the CPLA Section 24 (b) (i) and (ii), significant inherent values must be protected by the creation of protective mechanisms with **a preference to return to full Crown ownership and control.**

The proposal does not provide for public access and enjoyment of the high country landscape as required by Section 24 (c) (1) of the CPLA "*make easier the securing of public access to and the enjoyment of reviewable land*".

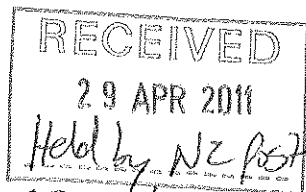
The landscapes of the Mackenzie Basin are some of the most spectacular in New Zealand. They are unique and cannot be replicated. Once cultivated the effects on the landscape and ecology are irreversible. Linz should protect the landscapes and ecology of the Mackenzie Basin for future generations. The proposal should be withdrawn and the property remains as pastoral lease.

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Submission To: The Wolds Preliminary Proposal

The Preliminary Proposal needs to be withdrawn

This submission requests that the Preliminary Proposal for the Wolds be withdrawn as it fails to protect the extensive outwash plains, the Maryburn wetland catchment, the Tekapo River terraces and slopes of Mary Range, Paterson Ponds and the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 all 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.
- To ensure secure public access and public enjoyment I ask that there be public access to Mt Mary from SH 8 as well as seek access along the track from the Pukaki Canal over the existing farm track that lies on The Wolds. It is a key recreation route and has panoramic views overlooking Lake Pukaki.
- Seek funding to support DOC in controlling the wilding pines that the lessee has abandoned. This is required to ensure ongoing sustainable management.

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 value, 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.

Yours sincerely

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Please - I earnestly entreat you
to give every consideration to
the matters outlined in this submission.
The land is our country's most
valuable asset.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'M. H. Gray', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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— Please could the P.T.R. be withdrawn as it fails to implement the Crown Pastoral Lands Act CPLA 1998. ^{If I suggest is found.}

— Failing to protect the Maryburn wetland/catchment & parts of the Tekapo River terraces — extensive outwash plains, the slopes of Mary Range, Paterson Ponds & outwash terraces on unoccupied Crown Land.

• This proposal fails to provide secure public access to the Crest of Mary Range to enable the public to enjoy & revel in Mt Mary's extensive views of architypical McKenzie Country

• Please withdraw the proposal & re negotiate it. Protect the SIVS & re notify for public submissions — as the collaborative planning process Govt has this ~~initiated~~ initiated in the McKenzie — why please is this an exception.

The objectives of the Crown Act are not met by the preliminary proposal

eg ① The Maryburn wetland + catchment + stream should not be freeholded

— Because it has outstanding values eg wetlands / shrubby moraines streams + short tussock grasslands habitat also for threatened species

The whole 765 area sought by Doc including Maryburn stream + wetland must please be protected as public conservation land as an extension to the proposed Scientific Reserve.

② Overlooking Pukaki are the western slopes of Mary Range. This has outstanding landscapes + rare wetland ecosystems as well as important dry land vegetation + scrubland AND Remnants of pre human vegetation

— Please protect as public conservation land.

It is PART OF THE MOST INTACT SEQUENCE of LATERAL MORAINES GLACIAL LAND-FORMS + Associated dryland habitat + plant communities remaining in the McKenzie AND it is possibly the largest therefore much more sustainable than a small area

(3/4) PUBLIC ACCESS.

It is a key recreation route
+ must have public access
Mt Mary has outstanding views
over look you ~~the~~ Lake Pukaki

(5) DOC must be adequately funded
to control wilding conifers
DOC is one of the few
bodies undertaking extensive wilding
tree control. — The leasees
are not with a few pitifully few
exceptions.

(6) SE Face. Mary Range
A Landscape Covenant needed
Its a highly visible landscape
from a major highway/tourist
+ public route.

A RESERVES ACT covenant is
needed.

(7) Tekapo River terrace — this should
not be freeholded. It requires
covenanting.

(8) Outwash Plain ~~of~~ east of Mary Range
+ SH8 + NE triangle of unoccupied
Crown Land.

— This must not be freeholded as it
has relatively open highly visible landscapes
with SIV deserving protection
as conservation land.

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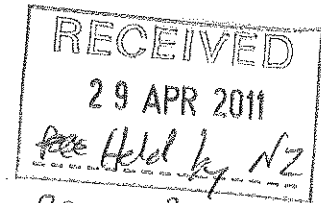
Extensive grazing + pastoral intensification
of short tussock grasslands
shrublands wetlands + other
communities with SIV. degrade.

the healthy functioning + replace
indigenous vegetation + habitats
with exotic grasses (This is
the intention. + it is very

short sighted - We have unique
features in our McKenzie
landscapes + they require
protection. You may like or
think the present owner will
never do anything to damage
the ecological values but
places get sold or the next
generation/owner has other
values.

Thank you.
Lesley Grand

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To Commissioner of Crown Lands

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SUBMISSION FOR TENURE REVIEW OF

THE WOLDS

From

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This is an independent submission. I am not a member of any advocacy group. I will keep my remarks in note form and as brief as possible in the light of the high number of likely submissions.

Summary statement

I regard Tenure Review as inappropriate for the Wolds. I believe that a different approach is required for managing the Mackenzie Basin in general, and **The Wolds** land in particular. Therefore I oppose applying the Tenure Review procedure to The Wolds Leasehold and I ask that you delay or cancel the application.

Outline of Submission

Part 1. General comments on why a more integrative approach to tenure review in the Mackenzie Basin is required

Part 2. Specific comments on the Wolds Tenure Review in the context of the Mackenzie Basin and Tenure Review in general

PART 1.

A more integrative approach is required for managing the Mackenzie Basin

- A. The Mackenzie Basin is not just a collection of farms but a piece of New Zealand that is of **strategic importance** to our national tourism industry, our national branding, and our national story. It is of emotional importance to many New Zealanders and non New Zealanders. It cannot be managed piecemeal. It requires a guiding strategy, both statutory, and non-statutory.
- B. Such guiding strategies are currently being worked on now such as the collaborative Sustainable Futures Trust set up by the Waitaki MP, and the Upper Waitaki Canterbury

Water Zone Committee. These need to be given a chance to develop strategies before a lot of options are ruled out by Tenure Review decisions, and irrigation application decisions.

- C. A lot more information is required about social and biological factors in the Mackenzie Basin. There is widespread disagreement about indigenous flora status, and there is practically no information about how tourists perceive and prefer the physical and non-physical elements in the Basin. I myself am working on a survey which I hope may answer some questions in the area of tourist perceptions. It is far too soon to make decisions with far-reaching implications via the tenure review process.
- D. As well as uncertainties about landscape management and indigenous flora management, there are huge uncertainties about how local landowners can make a decent living on reviewed freeholded land, and on leasehold land. While lots of good work has been done by Norton [i] and others on the issue of Farm Management Plans and managing exotic/indigenous grasslands, the fact remains that we still are largely ignorant on how to manage such mixed grasslands, and how a farmer might make a living out of it without resorting to erratic and unsustainable diversification. A co-operative and integrated approach to these issues is required. Tenure Review decisions now will rule this out.
- E. With the above comment in mind, I propose that a conservation approach is taken to the large tracts of the Basin that cannot be sustainably farmed [and we don't know how much land that is since sustainable farming may involve carbon credits and suchlike]. I propose that the community [the Government, the tourists, the land protection societies] pay the farmers for this, and that farmers might become paid conservation managers on a leasehold basis. This is a concept that is completely unexplored in this country but works well elsewhere.
- F. With the above comment in mind, I remind the Commissioner that large tracts of the Wolds and the runs around it [Irishmans, Balmoral, Braemar, Glenmore, Maryburn East] contain tussock vistas that we simply cannot lose. **We simply have to pay to keep them.** To lose this land to freehold and possibly overseas takeover [as is inevitable] is to inevitably see it as something other than tussockland in future years.
- G. My own view is that Tenure Review is a poor tool with which to fix land-care problems in the high country. The Land Act 1949 and the CPLA 1998 are unsuitable tools to do what needs doing. There is no reason why 1949 paradigms should hold our country to ransom forever-

more. My view is that the legal framework for land management in the Mackenzie and elsewhere in the high country needs re-addressing.

- H. Finally, as Hyndman [ii] points out in his review of SIV protection for the High Country Accord, it is logistically and logically impossible to adequately assess SIV's and landscape on a piecemeal basis.

PART 2

Specific reasons why Tenure Review [TR] is inappropriate for the Wolds

A. TR as proposed will potentially go against the Government's own policies.

The following Govt policies either will not be met, or TR will leave openings for later changes to the District Plan to facilitate these policies not being met.

[1] 13/7/2009 Cabinet Paper on Crown Pastoral Land. The following policies will be opposed by TR.

[a] "*Crown Pastoral Land is properly maintained and protected to ensure its value to all New Zealanders is maintained and its use enhanced*".

[b] "*Pastoral and inherent values, including the natural character of lakesides and landscapes, are maintained and protected*".

[c] "*the iconic nature of high country farming and its contribution to New Zealand culture is valued*".

[d] "*Cabinet agrees to an objective in the Strategic Direction on maintaining and protecting inherent values including lakesides and landscapes*".

As stated, threats to the above policies can come through on-selling of free-hold land to foreigners who do not share our view of "iconic-ness", and from the probable later changes to the District Plan, indicated as being likely by the reaction to Plan Change 13 regarding subdivision. Maintaining The Wolds as leasehold may be one way of reducing such risks.

[2] National Priority three on Protecting Our Places

"to protect indigenous vegetation associated with "originally rare" terrestrial ecosystems".

The Wolds has numerous areas of originally rare ecosystems on the mid-moraine area which are not proposed for protection.

[3] The Proposed NPS on Indigenous Biodiversity.

Notably Policy One relating to indigenous vegetation on uncommon ecosystems such as inland outwash gravels and salt pans.

Also Policy Six about maintaining a wider area around SIV areas to help maintain them.

While The Wolds has two conservation areas and a scientific area proposed, and that is better than nothing of course, the question of how best to manage such areas is not yet determined.

For instance, the scientific reserve proposed is not extensive enough to maintain the ecological values and ought to be extended to cover the full 765 ha recommended by DOC. As well, the proposed Cons Area CA1 ought to be extended to the full 888ha originally proposed. This is also SNS 38 in the Mackenzie District Plan recognised as a site of black stilt fostering, and as well contains the rare *Helichrysum plumeum*.

As Walker [iii] notes, a lot more information about management of indigenous vegetation, and the long term outcomes, is required before confident decisions can be made.

B. TR of The Wolds as proposed, is not supported by statements of experts in areas of landscape management

Landscape experts agree that the Mackenzie Basin gets its character from the wide empty vistas, the sense of tussock land, and the sense of the pastoral farming heritage [Craig [iv], Lucas and Stevens [v], Densem [vi]]

Freeholding large areas of the Basin would pose potential threats to these vistas, especially in the absence of an overall landscape strategy. Bank policy on maximising returns would dominate land-use options. The proposed TR for The Wolds has given no protection or status to the tussock-moraine vistas seen from SH8 looking Northwest.

While the option of moving from sheep and beef to dairying is restrained by the limited soil types in the Basin suitable for irrigation, freeholding will inevitably open up possibilities for diversification which will threaten these landscape vistas. Freeholding The Wolds opens up such threats.

SUMMARY

1. There are too many uncertainties currently for us to say that the proposed Tenure Review is the best management plan for The Wolds.
2. Freeholding opens up huge threats to the future of the Mackenzie Basin landscape which possibly won't be contained by future District Plans.
3. There appears to be a huge misunderstanding that locking up little bits here and there will at least preserve something, and that this is better than nothing. Clearly that is true. But it is not an optimal solution and will not be biologically sustainable. An alternative may be to educate the leaseholder to manage the farm in its entirety, and to incentivise that farmer to protect what needs protecting, and to manage what needs managing with the help of specialist professionals and lay-helpers such as local Forest & Bird Society members.
4. Part of such an incentivisation would be a de-incentivisation to do inappropriate and incongruent diversification such as property development. The sort of families that currently farm on the Mackenzie usually only want to do things like subdivide their properties out of a sense of financial insecurity.
5. Dealing with the issues above requires a whole different approach involving [i] a decision of Basin communities and farming families to work together to promote and market the Basin as a prime exemplar of sustainable high country agriculture in harmony with the natural indigenous biological elements, [ii] compensation and education for farmers in some cases where conservation activities are required, [iii] understanding that leasehold is a better vehicle than freehold title to maintain the values of landscape protection and SIV protection

espoused in the Mackenzie District Plan [e.g. Rural Objectives 1, 3, 4, and 6, Rural Policies 1A, 1B, 1C, 3A, 3B, 3D, 3E, 3F and 4B] and in Sec. 6b, 6c, of the RMA 1991.

6. Freeholding will bring irreversible long term social and physical changes. Many will be good. Many will not. This is our one LAST chance to maximise optimal long term good-management for the Wolds, and the surrounding Basin.

7. The fundamental problem with The Wolds Tenure Review proposal [and all other TR proposals], is that the choice between freehold and leasehold is a lousy choice. Basically, "Freehold " opens up a mindset of too many options, and "Leasehold" opens up a mindset of not enough options. This is the fundamental issue which needs to be dealt with. Until we deal with this, "leasehold" must remain as the best default option.

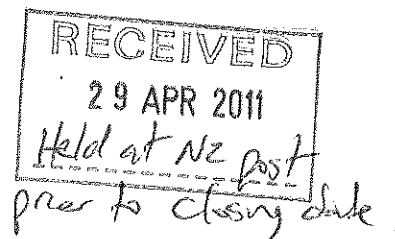
8. Farmers need to be recognised for their input into management of inherent values and this means possibly financial compensation. But it may not. Truly innovative sustainable farming opens up far more fascinating possibilities, including tourism to see this sustainable farming at work, and sophisticated marketing strategies, which may have better financial outcomes than just "more sheep" or "more cows" options.
9. Far more work needs to be done on [a] integrated exotic/indigenous management , and [b] what quantitative and qualitative level of *landscape* is a non-negotiable minimum that change must not, must never, alter.
10. My suggestion to the above point is to make the standing post-glacial-geo-morphologically derived presenting landscape, and the "pre-European" tawny- tussock vistas visible over certain sections of road, as the base-lines which must be maintainedfor our tourists, and for our kids. The Wolds moraine is one such area. How the landowner manages that needs to be worked out. But Tenure Review is not the way.
11. So much work to be done to get this information.
Tenure Review of The Wolds is currently inappropriate.

References

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- [vi] The Mackenzie Basin Landscape Prepared for MDC. Graham Densem

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RE: SUBMISSION ON THE WOLDS TENURE REVIEW PROPOSAL

Introduction

My full name is Nicholas John Head. I am a professional plant ecologist with over 16 years experience working throughout Canterbury. I have extensive understanding of Canterbury ecology and a long involvement working in the Mackenzie Basin where I have undertaken numerous ecological surveys, monitoring and management, including previously working for Landcare Research on their rabbit and land management and semi arid lands programme. I have a Master of Science (Hons) degree in plant ecology from Lincoln University and a BSc with a double major in plant ecology and physical geography from the University of Canterbury.

Context to this submission

The ongoing loss of indigenous biodiversity is considered New Zealand's most pervasive environmental issue (Taylor and Smith 1997). The loss of indigenous biodiversity has been most pronounced in New Zealand's lowland and montane environments that have been substantially modified through agricultural development and settlement (MfE 2000; 2007). Undeveloped ecosystems that remain in these environments are now nationally rare and threatened. They typically support a disproportionately large percent of New Zealand's most seriously threatened ecosystems, habitats and species (Walker et al 2007; Williams et al 2007). Accordingly, the protection of naturally rare ecosystems, threatened

ecosystems and species are national priorities in the New Zealand's Biodiversity Strategy and in the Government's priorities for the protection of biodiversity on private land (MfE 2000; 2007).

The Mackenzie Basin presents one of the last and most important opportunities remaining in New Zealand to protect dryland valley floor ecosystems. It is the nation's largest inter-montane basin comprising some of the most distinctive and extensive sequences of undeveloped glacial landforms and landscapes which are of international interest. It contains several ecosystems that are considered to be either naturally rare and/or nationally threatened, such as inland alluvial surfaces, inland sand dunes, braided rivers and kettleholes (Williams et al. 2007) and is accordingly a national stronghold for rare and threatened indigenous biodiversity. For example, at least 58 rare and threatened plant species alone occur in the Mackenzie Basin (de Lange 2009). Nowhere else in New Zealand remain such extensive and contiguous sequences of undeveloped nationally rare and threatened ecosystems and associated biodiversity which are now otherwise rare and/or have been lost to development elsewhere throughout New Zealand.

The protection of these ecosystems is needed to halt the decline of New Zealand's indigenous biodiversity and sustain the remaining natural character of the internationally important Mackenzie Basin. This is a matter of national priority (MfE 2000; MfE 2007) which has been acknowledged by the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment as an important Tenure Review outcome:

"Of the high country park network, only the proposed Mackenzie Basin Drylands Park (approximately 30,000 hectares) is predominantly at low altitude. It would therefore contribute to the range of ecologies represented in the high country conservation park network..." (Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment 2009).

Furthermore, protecting large areas, environmental sequences and landform connectivity are fundamental principles of nature conservation and reserve design (O'Connor et al 1990; Park, 2000). Given the widespread loss and fragmentation of ecosystems and habitats that has occurred throughout New Zealand, very few if any other opportunities remain outside the Mackenzie Basin to protect similar conservation values. Although many of these ecosystems and habitats are typically modified, they are resilient and will

recover with sympathetic management (Ewans 2002; Walker and Lee 2002; Walker et al 2003).

The Wolds Proposal

The Wolds Station contains significant inherent biological and landscape values (SIVs) identified by experts. New information has also been gained from more recent DOC surveys that have identified additional important SIVs that have not been considered in this proposal (DOC 2007). Collectively these SIVs represent some of the last intact sequences of naturally rare and threatened ecosystems, habitats and species remaining in New Zealand. Under the objects of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act, (CPLA s. 24) these significant inherent values should be protected (preferably as public conservation land).

Currently the majority of these SIVs identified have been proposed for freehold title without any form of protection. Of the areas proposed for protection (CA1, CA2, CC1, R (Scientific) (approx 10% of the SIVs identified) (LINZ Preliminary Proposal 2010), collectively these area fall well short of adequately protecting important SIVs present on the Wolds. For three of them (CC1 and R Scientific Reserve), they are far too small to protect ecological integrity (ecological functioning, buffering etc) which is essential for long term sustainability (O'Connor et al 1994; Parks 2000).

It is also of major concern that once freehold, it is highly likely that most of the unprotected SIVs will be lost overtime to either agricultural development or deterioration, such as cultivation, irrigation development, over grazing and/or weed invasion. Other opportunities associated with amenity SIVs (recreation, landscape etc) will also be lost.

For these reasons, the proposal for The Wolds Station is inadequate, is inconsistent with the CPLA and is incompatible with conservation theory and policies toward the protection of indigenous biodiversity in New Zealand. As such, the proposal should be withdrawn and/or reconsidered.

The specific aspects of the advertised preliminary proposal that do not meet the objects of the Crown Pastoral Lands Act are detailed as follows:

Lake Pukaki lateral moraine complex

This area comprises the lateral moraines and outwash surfaces between Lake Pukaki and the Mary Range and contains SIVs of high priority for protection (MfE 2007). Additional SIVs present within this area were identified by additional surveys undertaken by DOC (2007). These SIVs have not currently been accounted for in this proposal.

This area is especially notable for its continuous sequence of distinctive glacial landforms and dryland ecosystems that forms part of the most intact undeveloped lateral moraine complexes remaining in the basin. It includes ice-scoured lateral moraine slope, hummocky moraine and associated erratics and ephemeral wetlands, gently rolling moraines, fluvio-glacial outwash channels and plains, and lake faces adjoining Lake Pukaki. A variety of vegetation communities are present including shrublands, fescue short tussockland, ephemeral turfand, herbfield and moss fields. Several threatened plant species are present (Table 1).

Table 1. Threatened and At Risk plant species recorded on Lake Pukaki lateral moraine complex, Wolds Station (DOC 2007).

Threat Category (de Lange et al 2009)	Species	Location on lease
Nationally Endangered	<i>Oreomyrrhis colensoi</i> var <i>delicatula</i>	Ephemeral wetland depressions
Nationally vulnerable	<i>Olearia fimbriata</i>	Terrace riser of main outwash channel
Declining	Grassland Spaniard (<i>Aciphylla subflabellata</i>)	Foothills of Mary Range, in short tussockland and at shrubland margins
	Coral broom (<i>Carmichaelia crassicaule</i>)	Short tussockland and tussockland/shrubland within SH8 road strip on moraine
	Mat broom (<i>Carmichaelia vexillata</i>)	Bouldery interfluvies, outwash plain
	Trailing bindweed (<i>Convolvulus verecundus</i>)	Moraine ridges, older river terraces and outwash plains
	Dwarf heath (<i>Leucopogon nanum</i>)	older river terraces and outwash plains
	Cushion daphne (<i>Pimelea pulvinaris</i>)	Outwash channels

	Fan leaved daisy (<i>Raoulia monroi</i>)	Bouldery interfluvies –outwash plain
Naturally uncommon	<i>Hymenochilus tristis</i>	Short tussockland of hummocky moraines, and eastern outwash plain
Relict	<i>Coprosma intertexta</i>	Shrublands throughout property including on Mary Range foot slopes, moraine ridges, and shrublands on terrace risers

The area includes sequences of naturally rare ecosystems, such as ephemeral kettleholes, wetlands, inland alluvial surfaces (Williams 2007) which support native plant communities representative of the original vegetation: - dry shrublands, tussock land and cushion field vegetation (DOC 2007).

This area also comprises ecosystems that are threatened with ongoing loss and have been vastly reduced in area in the Mackenzie Basin, and throughout New Zealand as a whole. It comprises LENZ units that are 'at risk environments' (E4.1b and E4.2b) and poorly represented in the national network of existing reserves. Nationally, over 70% of indigenous vegetation cover in these environments has been lost and only 3.8% of it is protected nationally. The area also includes LENZ unit N6.1b. This 'critically under-protected' ecosystem has also suffered extensive loss (>95%) nationwide, and has only 3.8% protected nationally for conservation purposes (Walker et al 2007).

This area has also been identified as having significant landscape values and is noted for its potential amenity values for mountain biking, rock climbing etc.

Decision sought (Map 1):

- That this area of lateral moraines be protected as public conservation land as a dryland reserve for its significant inherent biological, landscape and amenity values.
- Funding is also required to support DOC in controlling the wilding pines that the lessee has neglected and now pose a serious threat to these significant values.

The Wolds Moraine and Outwash Plain (Central Moraine Land)

This area comprises a series of low moraines and associated outwash surfaces between the Mary Range and Irishman's Creek. These areas contain important landscape and conservation SIVs associated with nationally rare and threatened ecosystems, habitats and species, which are of national priority for protection (MfE 2007).

This area is notable for its distinctive glacial landforms and dryland ecosystems that are highly visible from the SH8. This area comprises some of the oldest moraines in the basin from the Balmoral advance (Speight 1963). It is characterised by a complex array of hummocky moraines, numerous erratics, extensive tussock grassland and shrublands.

The area comprises ecosystems that are At Risk LENZ units that are poorly represented in the national network of existing reserves (Walker et al 2007). These ecosystems are nationally rare and threatened and similar examples have been greatly reduced in the Mackenzie Basin in recent years, and throughout New Zealand as a whole.

The area includes naturally rare ecosystems, such as ephemeral kettleholes and inland alluvial surfaces (Williams et al 2007) that support native plant communities representative of the original vegetation: dry shrublands, tussock land and cushion field vegetation including several threatened plant species (DOC 2007). This area is also highly likely to provide habitats for nationally critical spring annual plants (*Myosurus minimus* and *Ceratocephala pungens*) and button daisy (*Leptinella conjuncta*) which are present on same habitats on the adjoining Maryburn Station (Heenan 2009). These are among the most threatened species in the country, and survey has not been undertaken at the right time of year for these species at this site.

Decision sought (Map 1):

- That this area be protected, preferably as public conservation land as a dryland reserve for its significant biological, landscape and amenity values, and linking it with the adjoining Wolds/ Maryburn wetland protection proposal.

- Alternatively, that this area be subject to a sustainable management covenant which prevents cultivation, irrigation forestry and has managed grazing
- That a full survey is undertaken at the appropriate time of year to determine the presence of nationally critical spring annual plants before any decision is made on tenure of this area,.

Maryburn (Wolds Wetland)

This wetland is the largest wetland and best moraine dammed swamp in the Mackenzie Ecological Region (Espie et al 1984; Partridge and Molloy 1986) and it was recommended that it be protected in its entirety (see p. 14 CRR). This wetland is a recommended area for protection in the Mackenzie Ecological Region PNA survey (Espie et al 1984), a site of special wildlife interest (SSWI) ranked as outstanding (Jarman 1987) and a Site of Natural Significance (SNA) (Lee 1996). Despite these values, only a small part of this wetland is proposed for retention in Crown ownership and control.

The botanical values of the wetland are described on pages 13 and 14 of the CRR and fauna values and its significance described between pages 18 and 29. This wetland provides habitat for numerous species of native birds including a number of threatened bird species – black stilt, black-billed gull, black fronted tern, marsh crake, Australasian bittern, grey duck and New Zealand falcon.

Wetlands once covered extensive areas of New Zealand, but less than 10 per cent of our original wetlands survive in New Zealand. The high country offers one of the best areas remaining to protect what is recognized as one of New Zealand's most threatened ecosystems (MfE 2000; 2002; Williams 2007). To protect only a very small part of such an important wetland is clearly inconsistent with conservation policy and compromises the long term ecological sustainability of the wetland in its entirety (O'Connor et al 1990; Park 2000.).

Decision sought (Map 1):

- That the whole of the Maryburn/Wolds wetland, including its catchment and connections to adjacent streams, moraines and outwash, be protected as a Conservation Area, linking it with the adjoining central moraines area.

Conclusions

The proposal advertised for The Wolds does not reflect the national importance of the Mackenzie Basin or adequately protect SIVs present. The proposal also fails to take into account new information that has become available from more recent surveys on the full extent of significant inherent values present on the Wolds Station (DOC 2007), or more recent conservation assessment tools such as LENZ. Neither is it consistent with the national priorities for the protection of indigenous biodiversity in New Zealand.

As a result, the proposal for The Wolds results in poor quality, unbalanced outcomes inconsistent with section 24 of the CPLA. It fails to protect nationally rare ecosystems and habitats for nationally critical plant species. It also fails to adequately protect ecological sequences and provide for healthy ecological functioning and sustainability of important SIVs. It is highly likely that without protection these SIVs will be lost over time.

In order to better protect SIVs, consideration needs be given to the outcomes sought in this submission as shown on Map 1. In particular all of the following area should be protected : 1) the Pukaki Moraine; 2) the Wolds moraine and outwash plain as a dryland reserve; and 3) the entire Wolds/Maryburn wetland (including its catchment and hydrological connections).

The protection of these SIVs is essential to maintain what remains of the ecological and natural integrity of the Mackenzie basin.

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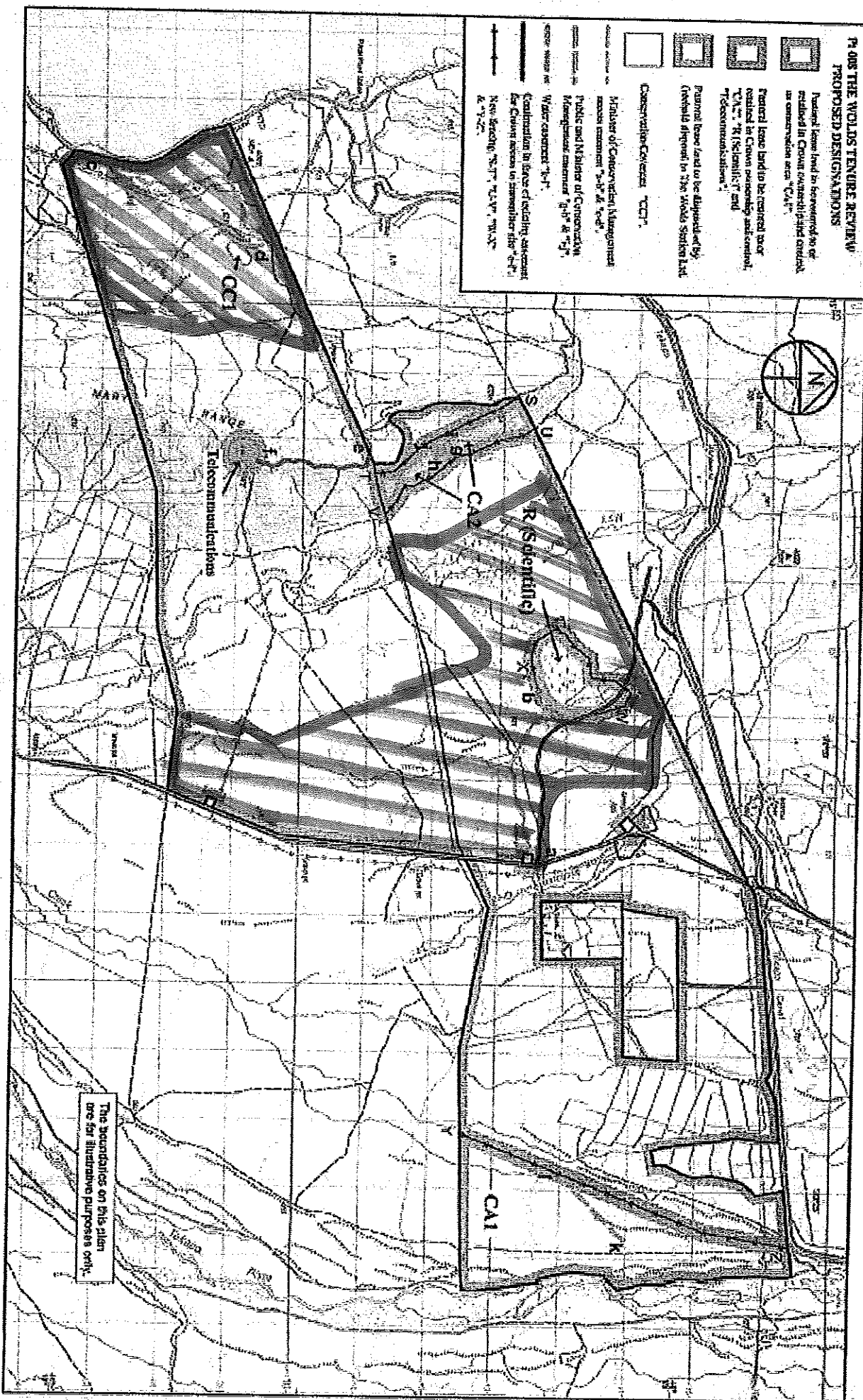
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**PAIDS THE WOLDS TENURE REVIEW
PROPOSED DESIGNATIONS**

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- Paasland lease land is surveyed and is
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 in conservation area "C41".

 Further lease land to be reserved prior
 located in Crown ownership and named
 "C42", "R (Scientific)" and
 "Technomarkshire".

 Pastoral lease land to be disposed by
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 and "C46".
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 and "C49".
 Water conservation "C50".
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The boundaries on this plan are for illustrative purposes only.

The Molds

Preliminary Proposal

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Gavin Rodley (MIN)

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Subject: FW: SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY tenure review PROPOSAL FOR THE WOLDS 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

Gavin Rodley
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From: sally hope [mailto:sally.sallyhope@gmail.com] **On Behalf Of** Sally Hope
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2011 2:28 pm
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**SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY TENURE REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR
 THE WOLDS PASTORAL LEASE**

Submission

This submission requests that the Preliminary Proposal for the Wolds be withdrawn because it fails to implement the Crown Pastoral Lands Act (CPLA) 1998. The Proposal fails to protect extensive outwash plains, the Maryburn wetland and catchment, parts of the Tekapo River terraces, the slopes of the Mary Range, Paterson Ponds and the triangular block of outwash terrace north of the Tekapo Canal which has been identified as having significant values that warrant protection as public conservation land under the objects of Part 2 of the CPLA.

The proposal fails to protect the Mackenzie's valued dryland landscapes.

The proposal should be withdrawn and renegotiated to ensure protection of the significant inherent values (SIVs) and then renotified for public submissions. The renegotiation should be a part of the outcomes of the collaborative planning "Shared Vision" process which the Government has initiated in the Mackenzie.

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

- The proposed freeholding of western slopes Mary Range overlooking Lake Pukaki. To fulfil the objects of the CPLA this area and its significant inherent values need to be protected as public conservation land. It is part of the largest and most intact sequence of lateral moraine glacial landforms and associated dryland habitats and plant communities remaining in the Mackenzie Basin.
- Freeholding part of Tekapo River Terraces. The proposed Conservation Area 1 (CA1) needs to be extended to include the additional areas sought by DoC and identified as having significant inherent values to protect all of these, including habitats for threatened plants, lizards and birds and undeveloped river terraces.
- The proposed freeholding of most of the Maryburn wetland and catchment and Maryburn Stream. To fulfil the objects of the CPLA the whole 765 ha. area sought by DoC and Maryburn Stream and its surrounding shrublands needs protection as public conservation land as an extension to the proposed Scientific Reserve.
- Freeholding Southeast Face Mary Range – Landscape Covenant needed. This area has relatively unmodified landscapes with remnant short tussock grasslands and shrublands that are highly visible from a major tourist route. Freeholding with no protection expose these faces to risk of earthworks, new buildings and forestry plantings. A Reserves Act landscape covenant is needed to protect the landscapes associated with remaining indigenous vegetation, the uncluttered open landscape and extensive views.
- Proposed freeholding of Outwash Plain east of Mary Range and SH8 and North Eastern triangle of Unoccupied Crown Land. 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. They have significant inherent values which deserve protection as conservation land.
- To ensure secure public access and public enjoyment I ask that there be public access to Mt Mary from SH 8 as well as public access along the track from the Pukaki Canal over the existing farm track that lies on The Wolds. It is a key recreation route and Mt Mary has panoramic views overlooking Lake Pukaki.
- The extensive freeholding 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.
- Cultivation of large areas of land to be freeholded on The Wolds will have an irreversible effect on the landscapes and ecology of the middle Mackenzie Basin.
- The Crown should ensure DOC is adequately funded to control the wilding pines that the lessee has abandoned.

Yours sincerely Sally Hope, Mackenzie 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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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

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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
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Sent: Sunday, 20 February 2011 1:00 pm
To: J Key (MIN); K Wilkinson (MIN); N Smith (MIN); M Williamson (MIN)
Subject: The Mackenzie Basin needs your protection

Submitted on 02/20/2011 - 12:59
Submitted by anonymous user: [121.72.185.15]

Your email : asachtie@aut.ac.nz

Body:

Dear Mr Key

I was born in Waimate, and as a child travelled extensively through the Mackenzie country. I am a 5th generation New Zealander, and I have strong family ties and links to this land. I also believe that this part of the country as a heritage for all New Zealanders. The Mackenzie Basin with all its precious native plants and animals, is a unique part of our natural endowment, and it is our duty to conserve it.

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,

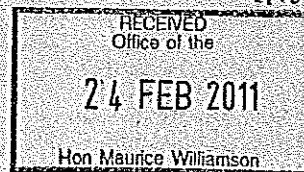
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Maurice Williamson,
Minister of Lands & Information,
Parliament Buildings
Wellington.



Dear Mr Williamson,
Re preliminary proposals for McKenzie Country pastoral
leases for the Wolds and Maryburn.

I request that you ensure that these proposals
are withdrawn. Please allow the collaborative process
to be completed before any further tenure renewals
are undertaken. There are many areas of high
conservation value in the McKenzie country which
are currently protected under the pastoral lease
arrangement.

Please do not let any more land be freeholded
in the McKenzie basin until we can be sure that
their conservation values are protected for ever.

Thank you,

Sincerely,
Susan Hall
SM Hall

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Sarah Dowling

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From: Terence O'Connor [mailto:terryoc@xtra.co.nz]
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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.

Terry O'Connor

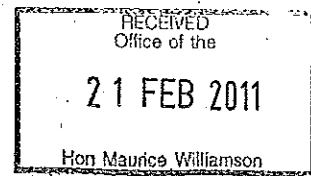
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Nick Smith
Minister for Environment
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Dear Hon. Nick Smith,

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,

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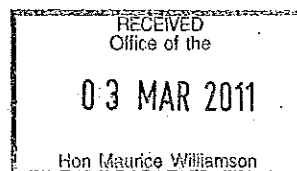
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28 February 2011



Dr. Nick Smith
Minister for the Environment
Parliament Buildings
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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

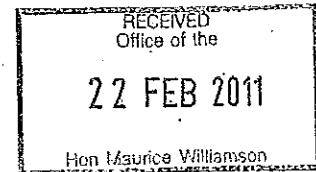
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Robert P Lowe, 54 Izard Road, Khandallah, Wellington 6035



The Honourable Nick Smith

Minister of the Environment

c/o Parliament Buildings

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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,

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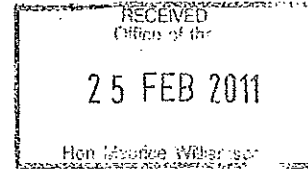
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Hon Nick Smith
Minister for the Environment
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Dear Dr Smith

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

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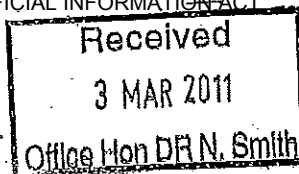
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CC Hon Maurice Williamson, Minister for Lands and Information

Hon Kate Wilkinson, Minister for Conservation

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14 February 2011

Ministers of the Environment, Conservation, and Lands & Information
Parliament Buildings
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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,

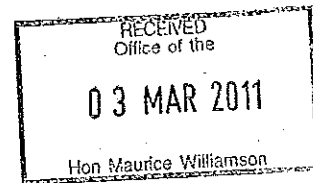
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As Kate Wilkinson, MP
Conservation Minister
Parliament Buildings
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Dear Minister,

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 rector 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

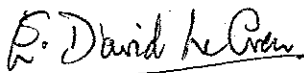
visit, I learnt about the new development of breeding of merino sheep to provide good quality meat as well as fine wool and thus increase the financial return from them. I was also shown the transformation, with irrigation, of one part of the Mackenzie Country into dairy farms and the destruction of 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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "E. D. Le Cren". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

E. D. Le Cren.

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IN
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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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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 off, 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 degrading. Have ECan gone mad. Oh! I forgot, they aren't elected and obviously don't represent peoples interest in the environment 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

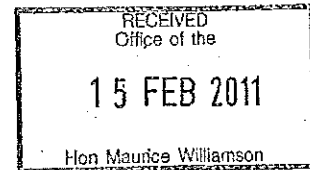
Graeme, Jane, Nicola and Jennifer Jeffery

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9 February 2011

The Minister of Lands and Information
Parliament Buildings
Private Bag 18041
WELLINGTON 6160.



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

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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: 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

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

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

From: Michael Appleyard (MIN)
Sent: Monday, 28 February 2011 9:02 am
To: Anne Roberts (MIN)
Subject: FW: McKenzie Basin Pastoral Leases

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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

25.2.2011

Basil and Ann Graeme

53 Princess Rd

Tauranga

The Honourable Maurice Williamson

Minister to LINZ

Parliament

Wellington

m.williamson@ministers.govt.nz

Dear Minister

Preliminary Tenure Review Proposals

1/04/2011

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

Gavin Rodley
Private Secretary for Conservation
Office of the Hon Kate Wilkinson
Telephone: 04 817 9150 (direct dial)
Facsimile: 04 817 6519
Mobile: 0274 861538

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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 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

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

Your email : 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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IN
LINZONE**Sarah Dowling**

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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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

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.

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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.

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

thanks

cc. Hon. Maurice Williamson

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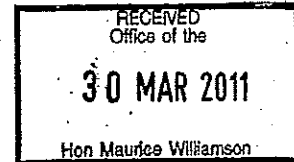
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Wellington 6035.

28 March 2011



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

Dear Mr. Smith,

Re: Pastoral leases for Maryburne the Wolds.

I am writing to ask that the preliminary proposals for the Wolds and Maryburne 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.

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.

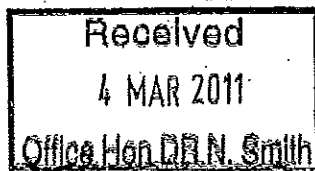
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Hon Nick Smith

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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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4 MAR 2011

Office of Mrs. Kate Wilkinson

Hon Kate Wilkinson

Please carefully consider Proposals
for The Doldo & Mangbun 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

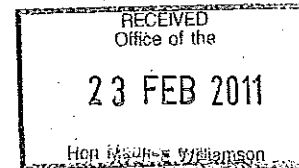
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Gavin Rodley (MIN)

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



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)
Facsimile: 04 817 6519
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

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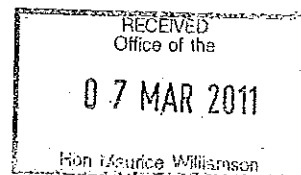
i am writing to oppose the proposed tenure review decision on The wolds and maryburn stations giving a large majority to private ownership. this is utterly inappropriate as it is public land, our land and should stay in public ownership for future generations.

regards julian ballance FRACS

20 February 2011

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Mary Barry
6 Bradford Street
Parnell



Nick Smith
Environment Minister
Parliament Buildings
Wellington

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

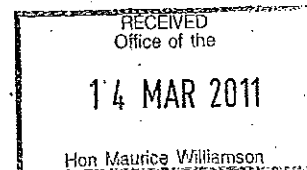
Cc Maurice Williamson Lands Information Minister, Kate Wilkinson Conservation Minister

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Apartment 703
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Christchurch
February 25 2011

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Copy to
Hon Maurice Williamson
Minister of Lands and Information
Parliament Buildings
Wellington



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

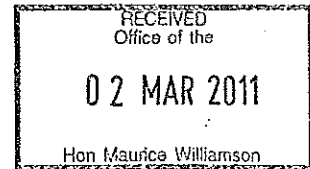
Gordon K Brown

Shirley C Brown (Mrs)

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cc response
to MFE 125092

John Bryant
21, Tinopai Rd.
Titirangi
Auckland 0604



21/03/11

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.

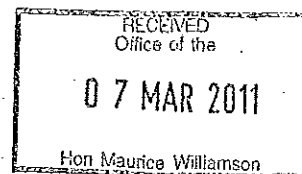
Yours Sincerely

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John Bryant

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7 Armour Avenue
Mt. Victoria,
Wellington 6011

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

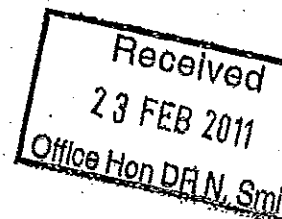
Janet Coburn

cc. Conservation Minister Kate Wilkinson
Environment Minister Nick Smith

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Phone: (07)8671218 Email: goldendays@xtra.co.nzFriday 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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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: 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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-----Original Message-----

From: webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz [mailto:webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz] On Behalf Of Forest
and Bird
Sent: Saturday, 19 February 2011 2:28 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 - 14:27
Submitted by anonymous user: [60.234.111.131]

Your email : mnw@infogen.net.nz
Body:
Dear Mr Key

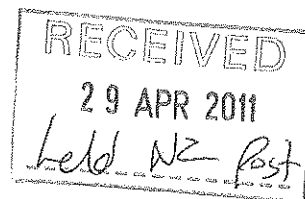
I love our beautiful brown Mackenzie Basin with all its precious native plants and animals, and I don't want it to become another Canterbury Plains with giant pivot irrigators turning it bright green.

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 ask that you create a Mackenzie dryland park so that the area is protected for ever.

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, Margaret Wilson.

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February 2011

Darroch Ltd
PO Box 143
Christchurch
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Tony.sharpe@darroch.co.nz

SUBMISSION ON PRELIMINARY TENURE REVIEW PROPOSAL FOR THE WOLDS PASTORAL LEASE

Preliminary proposal summary

I understand the preliminary proposal for the 7,934 ha. Wolds pastoral lease to be:

a) Restoration of 760 ha. to full Crown ownership and control being:

- Tekapo River terraces - 600 ha. (CA1)
- Mary Range – north east toe slopes - 70 ha. (CA2)
- Telecommunications reserve – summit of Mt Mary (no public access) – 2.4 ha.
- Mary Burn wetland - scientific reserve – 85 ha.

b) Freeholding 7,176 ha. subject to a conservation covenant over a 5 ha. boulderfield on western slopes of Mary Range overlooking Lake Pukaki.

Submission

This submission requests that the Preliminary Proposal for the Wolds be withdrawn because it fails to implement the Crown Pastoral Lands Act (CPLA) 1998. The Proposal fails to protect extensive outwash plains, the Maryburn wetland and catchment, parts of the Tekapo River terraces, the slopes of the 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 (SIVs) that warrant protection as public conservation land under Part 2 of the CPLA.

The proposal also fails to provide secure public access to the crest of the Mary Range to enable the public to enjoy the prominent Mackenzie Basin landmark, Mt Mary and its extensive views.

The proposal should be withdrawn and renegotiated to ensure protection of the SIVs and then renotified for public submissions. The renegotiation should be informed by the outcomes of the collaborative planning process Government has initiated in the Mackenzie.

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

1. Proposed freeholding of most of Maryburn wetland and catchment and Maryburn Stream

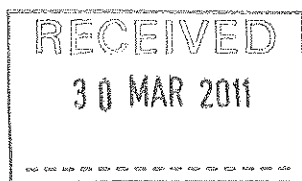
This area has outstanding values associated with wetlands, and streams, shrubby moraines and short tussock grasslands. It contains habitat for threatened species. To fulfil the objects of the CPLA the whole 765 ha. area sought by DoC and Maryburn Stream and its shrublands need to be protected as public conservation land as an extension to the proposed Scientific Reserve.

2. Proposed freeholding of western slopes Mary Range overlooking Lake Pukaki

12 February 2011

Commissioner of Crown Lands
Darroch Ltd
PO Box 143
Christchurch

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34 Takaka Dr
Cashmere
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Regards,

Elliot Lea

Tony Sharpe

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From: webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz on behalf of Forest and Bird
 [Sue.wilkins@paradise.net.nz]
Sent: Friday, 11 February 2011 9:52 a.m.
To: Tony Sharpe
Subject: Submission To: The Wolds Preliminary Proposal

Submitted on 02/11/2011 - 09:51
 Submitted by anonymous user: [202.36.162.39]

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 Your name* : Sue Wilkins
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 To: tony.sharpe@darroch.co.nz
 Subject Heading : Submission To: The Wolds Preliminary Proposal
 Body* :

I completely support this statement from Forest & Bird, and would ask that any responsible government take it very seriously, and amend their stance as a consequence. Once we loose these landscapes we can't get them back. This is a once-ever opportunity!

Thank you
 Sue

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From: webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz on behalf of Forest and Bird
[pearcehouse@vodafone.co.nz]
Sent: Friday, 11 February 2011 4:15 p.m.
To: Tony Sharpe
Subject: Submission To: The Wolds Preliminary Proposal

Submitted on 02/11/2011 - 16:15
Submitted by anonymous user: [118.93.12.63]

Date* : 11/02/2011
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Your name* : Sue Pearce
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Body* :

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amazingly beautiful, and our tourism dollars rely on the fact that we aren't stupid enough to give away/sell/carve up our unique places. When we look like everywhere else in the world, what would be the point of coming all this way? We can't do without our tourist-dollars. Nor can we do without our wonderful flora and fauna - once it is gone, it can never be replaced.

Keep our Crown and Conservation Lands safe from the private interests of a few New Zealanders and/or overseas ownership. It is our duty as New Zealanders to ensure this.

Yours sincerely,
Sue Pearce

Tony Sharpe

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From: webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz on behalf of Forest and Bird [danae.j@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 11 February 2011 5:46 p.m.
To: Tony Sharpe
Subject: Submission To: The Wolds Preliminary Proposal

Submitted on 02/11/2011 - 17:45
 Submitted by anonymous user: [119.224.78.25]

Date* : 11 february 2011
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This area holds a very special place in the hearts of many, including myself (as a former resident) and should be protected so all others are able to experience the wonders of the Mackenzie.

Danae Lee, Papamoa. (formerly Twizel.)

Tony Sharpe

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From: webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz on behalf of Forest and Bird
[phaedra.upton@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, 11 February 2011 8:38 p.m.
To: Tony Sharpe
Subject: Submission To: The Wolds Preliminary Proposal

Submitted on 02/11/2011 - 20:37
Submitted by anonymous user: [122.59.250.242]

Date* : 11/2/11
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Your name* : Phaedra Upton
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To: tony.sharpe@darroch.co.nz
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the Mackenzie is being turned green by unsustainable and water hungry farming practises, freeholding a significant portion of the Wolds pastoral lease will only add to the problem. I submit that this land be protected for me and countless other New Zealanders, now and in the future, who appreciate it for its natural beauty and starkness. Once freehold, this is lost to us forever.

regards
Phaedra Upton

Tony Sharpe

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From: webadmin@forestandbird.org.nz on behalf of Forest and Bird [jessicaormsby@gamil.com]
Sent: Saturday, 12 February 2011 7:52 p.m.
To: Tony Sharpe
Subject: Submission To: The Wolds Preliminary Proposal

Submitted on 02/12/2011 - 19:51
 Submitted by anonymous user: [125.239.3.192]

Date* : Saturday 12 February
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 Your name* : Jessica Ormsby
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As a person for whom the Mackenzie Country is where I call home, and with a deep and

intimate connection to the vistas, mountain ranges, rivers, lakes, forests, nature of every kind (including both flora and fauna) this is a proposal of a most disturbing, distressing and stressful nature. It must therefore be abandoned henceforth.

Yours sincerely
Jess Ormsby