

# **Crown Pastoral Land Tenure Review**

**Lease name: ARGYLE STATION**

**Lease number: PS 055**

## **Fish & Game Report**

As part of the process of Tenure Review Fish & Game councils may provide advice on significant inherent values within the pastoral lease, and the information may be incorporated in the Conservation Resources Report. The advice is part of the information gathered and assessed for the development of a preliminary consultation document.

The report attached is released under the Official Information Act 1982.

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# FISH AND GAME RESOURCES REPORT FOR THE ARGYLE PASTORAL LEASE

Prepared by the  
Southland Fish & Game Council

## Section One – Introduction

### 1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise the Commissioner of Crown Lands on the sports fish and game bird values present on the land included in the Argyle Crown pastoral lease. The lease is being considered for tenure review and disposal under the provisions of the Crown Pastoral Land Act. As well as habitat values this report covers angling and game bird hunting values and associated access values.

Information for this report has been researched and prepared by staff of the Southland Fish and Game Council.

### 1.2 Location

The Argyle pastoral lease is located north east of the township of Waikaia stretching from the Waikaia River to the Black Umbrella Range. It includes the headwaters of the Argyle Burn and abuts the Waikaia River for a distance of some kilometres

## Section Two – General Resources Information

### 2.1 Sports Fisheries Values

The Waikaia River is a first class brown trout fishery that is protected by a National Water Conservation Order. There is no dispute that the reach of the river adjacent to the Argyle pastoral lease meets the strict requirements of this Order. This reach is a very popular fishing area and although usually accessed from the right bank or from Argyle Road the nature of the river allows anglers to cross and fish from either bank. Some of the cut off meanders become part of the river in flood time and are thus populated by trout and these become available to anglers when the river returns to normal flow.

The upper reaches of the Argyle Burn are useful for brown trout spawning. The Argyle Burn provides some angling opportunities and is an excellent nursery stream for juvenile brown trout.

### 2.2 Game bird values

Limited game bird values exist within the Argyle pastoral lease the exception being on the river flats adjacent to the Waikaia River. The river plus its cut off meanders provide good hunting opportunities for mallard and paradise shelduck. These willowy backwaters provide excellent breeding habitat for Australian grey teal a protected species.

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*2.3 Other Recreational Values*

Unknown

*2.4 Access Information*

As stated the Waikaia River in this reach is mainly accessed from Argyle Road but to a lesser extent from the Waikaia – Piano Flat road where the river is close at Map Ref. F44 912985

**Section Three – Consultation**

*3.1 Consultation Undertaken*

No record

*3.2 Issues Identified Through Consultation*

**Section Four – Fish and Game Perspective.**

*4.1 Habitat Views*

Cut off meanders in and about Map Ref: F44 920944 should be retained within the marginal strip

*4.2 Access Views*

Both bank access for anglers and hunters is a priority throughout the Waikaia River reach adjacent to the Argyle pastoral lease

**Section Five – Bibliography**

Tenure Review Document

Crown Pastoral Land Act (1998)

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Signed

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